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Eight Ballots On Council President Bring Gridlock

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

After eight ballots failed to win a majority vote for Town Council president, the council, in a 6-5 vote Monday night, tabled the election of new officers until the January 22nd session.

The meeting was held for the first time at the council's new home at the Agawam Middle School.

Veteran Councilors Jessie Fuller and Edward Borgatti secured nominations but in the first three roll call votes fell victim to a stalemate with five votes for Mrs. Fuller, four for Borgatti, and Councilors Thomas Ennis and Colleen Dupee abstaining by virtue of "present" votes.

Lining up in Mrs. Fuller's corner were Councilors Vivian Dziardziel, George Bitzas, Joanne Willis, Mrs. Fuller, and outgoing Council President Richard Brindle. On Borgatti's roster were John Negrucci, Scott Burgess and Edward Caba.

After a five minute recess, balloting resumed with Miss Dupee shifting her support toward Borgatti. After six votes, balloting was a 5-5-1 draw, with both contenders a vote shy of the podium and Ennis still withholding support for either candidate.

Another recess resulted in a call from Bitzas and a challenge directed to Ennis as well as the full council to "make a tough decision; to make up your mind. Just flip a coin and go for it." Ennis took exception to that quip, noting that decisions such as the election of a council president should not be made on the flip of a coin.

There is no love loss between Bitzas and Ennis. The two were ensnarled in a verbal battle late last year. Bitzas attempted but failed to receive a majority support of the council to censure Ennis for use of profanity at a council meeting.

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FORMER PROJECT D.A.R.E. OFFICER WAYNE MACEY receives a plaque commemorating his four years of dedicated service to the program. Junior High Non-Users Club members pictured are Stephanie Biza, Adrienne O'Quinn, Kara McDade, and Lynn Carra.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Massoia Named New Chairman Of School Committee

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The Agawam School Committee held a brief meeting in the Agawam Junior High School cafeteria Tuesday night for the purpose of holding their 1991 election of officers.

Unanimously, Louis Massoia was elected chairman, and Roberta Doering and David Cecchi received 6-0 votes for vice-chairwoman and secretary, respectively.

Outgoing chairwoman Rosemary Sandlin called the meeting to order and took a few moments to "recap 1990."

She said, "We've had a trying year with budgeting and the problem of girls' athletics. There are still many issues at hand; detracking at Agawam High is still alive in my mind, as I'm sure it is with many of you."

"We've had some lively discussions, and may not always have agreed, but I'd like to thank each of you for always being there."

Mrs. Sandlin then turned the meeting over to the "longevity member," Mrs. Doering, to conduct the election of officers.

When Mrs. Doering opened the floor to nominations for the chair, Mrs. Sandlin moved to have Massoia nominated, with a second by Cecchi. The committee had to vote twice in order to elect Massoia by all present. Member Jordan St. John was absent.

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Junior High Bids Fond Farewell To Wayne Macey

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

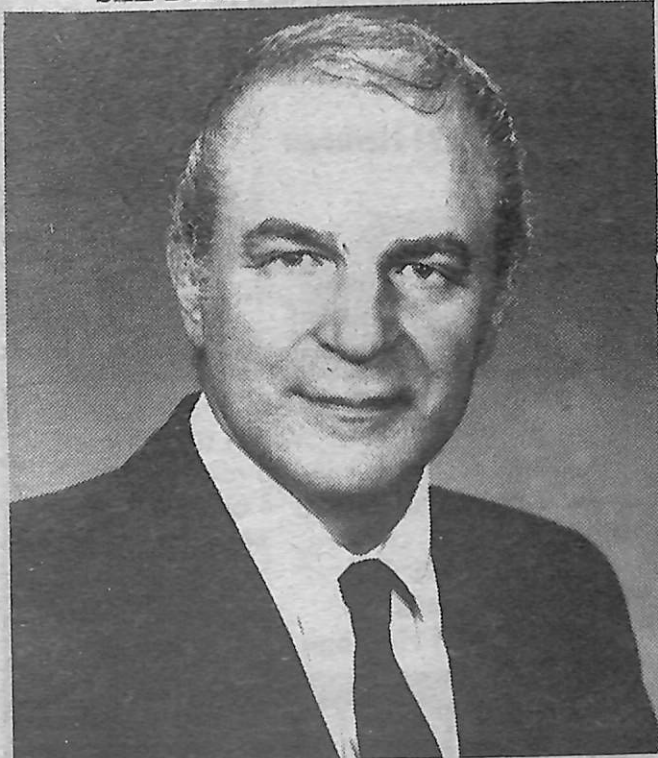
Kara McDade, Adrienne O'Quinn, Lynn Carra, and Stephanie Biza presented Agawam Police Officer Wayne Macey with a plaque commemorating his four years of dedicated service with the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program.

The four Non-Users Club members at the Junior High were part of a newly elected advisory panel that will help to select activities during the remainder of the year, along with Non-Users advisors.

Macey was invited as a guest speaker in December to meet with the Non-Users Club and felt a special bond to many of the group's members. The students in the lower grades at the Junior High this year were the first classes to receive the DARE 17-week course during their fifth grade year at Agawam Middle School (when former officers Jim Frantz and Macey initiated the classes in Agawam).

Macey told his former students, "I don't worry about you kids with cocaine, marijuana, ice, crack, and all that because I know you're all too smart; but I'm afraid of alcohol because of what they tell you on TV and cigarettes because you see them every time you leave the school. You see kids smoking and you think maybe I can be part of that, too."

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NEW SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
Louis Massoia.

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Borgatti offered to withdraw his name and ventured Miss Dupee as an alternative candidate. But subsequent discussion resulted in reopening nominations, and the same two candidates drew the same 5-5-1 vote for another two rounds.

Although Mrs. Fuller challenged the legality of the protracted voting, charging that "majority rules" and that she held a majority in the initial voting, Negrucci noted that the election is a "resolution" and therefore requires six votes for passage as stipulated by Brindle at the beginning of the meeting.

Before a ninth round got underway, the council voted 6-5 vote to table the entire proceeding until Tuesday, January 22nd, with Mrs. Willis, Bitzas, Brindle, Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Dziardziel dissenting.

A second resolution calling for election of a council vice-president was also tabled.

The action left rumblings of discontent among the audience, some of whom expressed the belief that "nothings changed," "this is a joke," and that the council was beginning the new year with the same bad habits as the old year: namely a schism with the podium resting squarely between two factions, a divided body politic that precludes the passage of any legislation beneficial to the town or the people who elected this council.

Until January 22nd Brindle will retain the gavel and control of a body that seems out of control at times.

Ennis would offer no public explanation to why he would not support either candidate. He reportedly had another candidate in mind for the council presidency but did not nominate this councilor at Monday's meeting.



VETERAN AGAWAM TOWN COUNCILORS Jessie D. Fuller and Edward G. Borgatti are both seeking the presidency of the Agawam Town Council. After eight rounds of voting Monday night, each councilor mustered five votes, with Councilor Thomas Ennis, Jr., refusing to vote for either candidate. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

MASSOIA NEW SCHOOL CHAIRMAN - from Page 1...

Mrs. Sandlin stepped down and Massoia took the chair, as Mrs. Doering continued the nomination process for vice-chair. Cecchi motioned, with a second by Mrs. Sandlin, to induct Mrs. Doering vice-chairwoman (unanimously).

Finally, Mrs. Doering's motion, followed by a second from Mrs. Sandlin, nominated Cecchi as secretary for 1991. The vote was 6-0 in favor as Town Councilors Jesse D. Fuller and Joanne Willis exchanged good-humored gestures while recalling the frustrations of Monday evening's Town Council stalemate for council president.

Massoia's first order of business was to ask Associate Superintendent Donald Charest when the

School Committee would begin to address the 1991-92 budget. Charest said the committee would begin proceedings for the fiscal budget during their first February meeting.

"I would ask that each member keep Tuesdays, and possibly Wednesday evenings, free each week during the months of February and March for the budget," said Massoia.

In conclusion, under routine matters of the agenda, Mrs. Doering as 1990 secretary reported there was "no correspondence" to discuss. This prompted a question from member Teresa Kozloski who said, "If a parent writes a letter to the chairwoman of the School Committee, I would think they expect all members will see

the letter. Do we have any policy on what correspondence we see, or don't see?"

Mrs. Sandlin explained that during her tenure she sometimes used discretion when receiving mail from companies or salespeople, or unsigned letters, to ascertain validity in reference to the School Committee meetings. Superintendent James Bruno also said that a 30-day file was kept on all correspondence.

The meeting adjourned 15 minutes after it was called to order, and an invitation to join members for refreshments was extended to all school principals, administrators, councilors, and citizens in attendance to celebrate ushering in the New Year and new School Committee officers.

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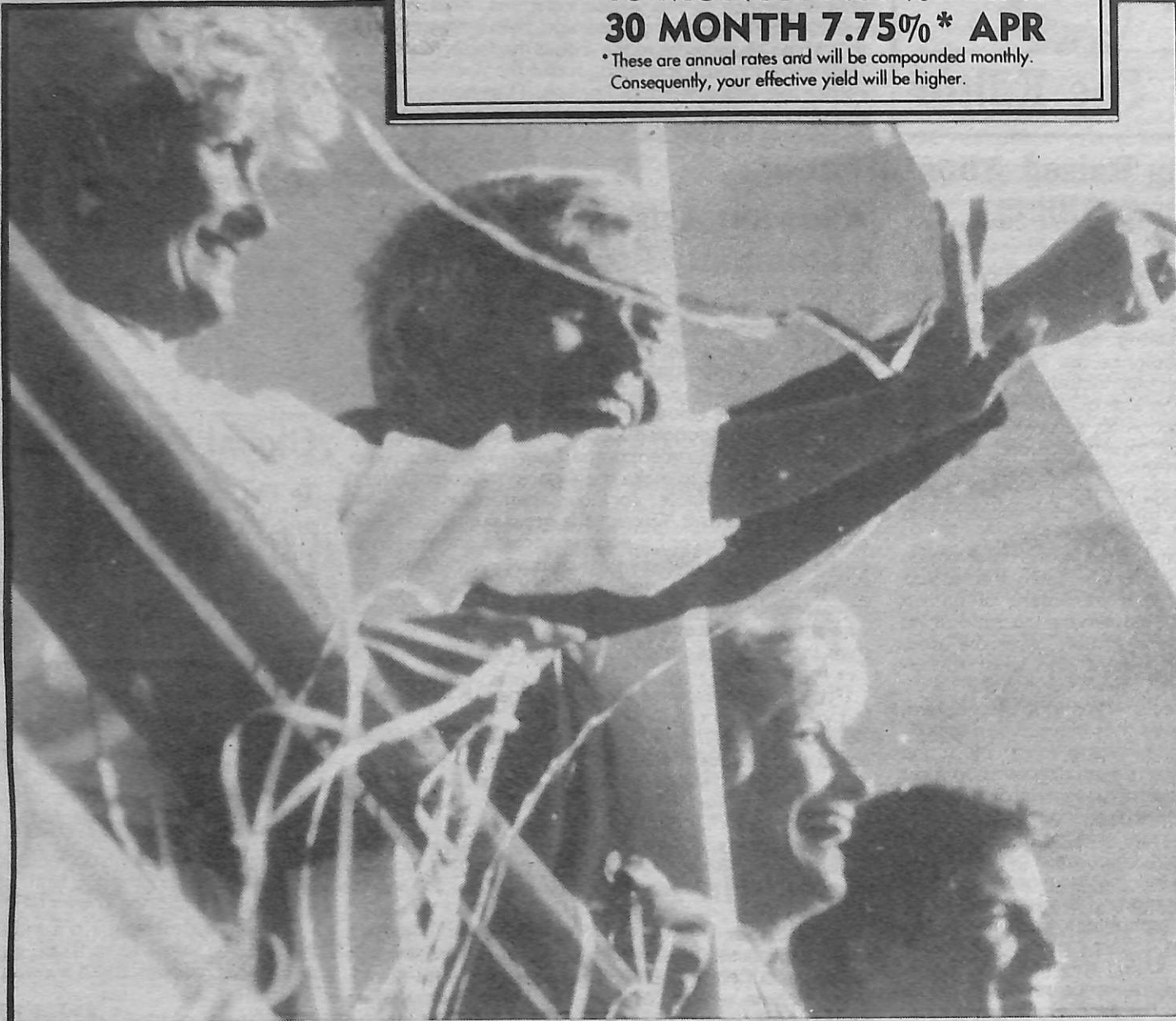
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Letters To The Editor

Questions Being Raised About Town Ambulance Billing

To The Editor:

I'm writing about the present ambulance fee ordinance. I was chairman of the committee that wrote the ambulance ordinance.

At the last council meeting, some concerns were raised regarding the ambulance fee billing process. Since that time, many people, including some councilors, have approached me with questions about how the fee is supposed to work. Also, several members of the ambulance committee, myself included, have expressed disappointment in the fact that people are unjustly accusing us of making them pay for ambulance service. I'm writing to clear up any billing concerns and to put an end to any false beliefs.

I would like to give some background information that will explain to everyone how and why the fee was established and to show that the intent of the ordinance is to provide the best service possible at no cost, to the extent that not even tax dollars are used. This was our committee's intent and what the ordinance provides.

Through our committee's investigations, several things were evident. One was that maintaining the service as a town-run operation was a must. We found that our present service was not only better than most private services and cheaper, it was one of the best-operated and staffed services in the state.

Secondly, and very important in terms of dollars, was the fact that insurance companies were getting a free ride in the Town of Agawam. In other words, while the insurance companies over many years were collecting thousands of dollars in ambulance premiums, they were also saving countless dollars more by not having to pay ambulance costs. Using this premise, it was decided to start receiving insurance reimbursements that rightfully belonged to the people of Agawam.

Using calculations based on the amount of ambulance use and the cost of ambulance operations, it was found that insurance reimbursements would more than pay for the cost of the ambulance. These costs include the maintenance and upgrading of the ambulance, personnel training cost, overtime pay for the EMT's, and other incidental expenses. Thus, based on our findings and the institution of the ordinance, Agawam is able to maintain an exceptional service at no cost to the people of Agawam.

Now, concerning the billing process. State law requires that everyone who uses the ambulance must be billed for the total cost of that use. State law also allows communities to abate any cost above what the insurance companies will pay. We, therefore, included within the fee ordinance, an abatement process. It is within the abatement process that the confusion arises. Even though we heavily publicized this ordinance, and especially the abatement process, many people evidently didn't read the publicity, misunderstood it, or simply forgot.

I have, however, proposed a very simple solution to the whole matter of abatements. I presented my solution to the Deputy Fire Chief and the Mayor. Both have agreed that my solution is a good one. The Mayor has assured me that from now on, in or on each bill sent to an ambulance user, will be something stating that the person being billed has the right to request an abatement and who to contact to get that abatement. Should any people receive a bill without this information, all

they need do is contact the fire department and request an abatement. It's that simple.

Having said all this, I hope any confusion or false belief has been put to rest. Nothing is perfect and there is always room for improvement. To this end, some councilors have expressed other concerns regarding this ordinance to me. These concerns, however, are solely within the council's purview. If this council feels that some changes be made within the fee ordinance, I urge them to make them. But, make them while leaving intact the intent of the ordinance. That being, to provide the best ambulance service possible at no cost to the people of Agawam.

Louis Russo
Agawam

Agawam Arts Council Praises Community For New Year's

To The Editor:

The Agawam Arts & Humanities Council would like to thank all the people who helped to make our New Year's Eve Celebration, "Mid Winter Night," a great success.

Thanks to the volunteers who gave of their time, the businesses who donated ideas, time and services, the maintenance department of the Town of Agawam who worked very hard to make the Agawam Center Library building presentable for our headquarters, *The Agawam Advertiser News* for the great publicity for the event, the Mayor for his encouragement and presence at the event, the few town officials who attended, the Police Department, and last but not least, the townspeople of Agawam and those from other towns who attended the event and let us know that they and their families had a great time celebrating New Year's Eve together.

The positive response has encouraged us to try to bring you "Mid Winter Night—1991"!

Funds for the "Mid Winter Night 1990" were provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Agawam Arts & Humanities Council
Sylvia R. Deliso, Chairwoman

Speeding On South Street Results In Loss Of Life

To The Editor:

At 1:00 p.m. January 1st as we were about to sit down to our New Year's dinner, our children's grandfather came running in from the living room yelling that George (our pet cat for six years) just got hit. We all ran out to the road and our 15 year-old daughter started pumping the heart of our near-dead pet. She continued all the way to the MSPCA where George later died. So we paid our bill of \$90 and proceeded to our South Street home to clean off the blood in the street.

The police officer who answered the call, sat in front of our home and in one hour had stopped five cars for speeding. Where is everyone going in such a hurry? Will it be one of our children the next time? We don't know the identity of the young man responsible, for he didn't even apply his brakes, never mind stop; only that he was driving a 1979 light blue four-door Chevy.

There are no laws for killing a cat, but there are for speeding. So please remember as you go down South Street, the next time might be a person.

Thank-you
Ronald & Pat Bruyette
393 South Street
Agawam

MOCA's Project Christmas Again Big Success!!!

To The Editor:

A very special thank-you to all who worked so very hard to make MOCA's Project Christmas such a success. Members of MOCA and the 20 generous citizens of Agawam wrapped toys, filled baskets, and worked on Saturday, December 22nd, Project Christmas Day.

Because of the efforts of all who gave of their time, 65 families and approximately 150 children were accommodated.

I'm sure this Christmas will be a day long remembered by those who gave and those who received.

It's been a privilege working with such a kind, generous, and caring group of people. I shall never forget them.

Ruth E. Zucco
Agawam
Project Christmas Coordinator

Barber Shop Closed Until Feb.

To The Editor:

I would like to thank all of the customers of Old Center Barber Shop in their understanding of my absence while I recover from my surgery. I hope to be back at the shop in early February.

Sincerely,
Joe Demetrios
North St. Ext.
Feeding Hills

Global Warming-Costs/Causes

To The Editor:

It will take unprecedented changes in the way individuals think to reverse the malaise, which currently plagues our attitude toward our natural environment. Humans who preach "individualism" over community must, in the best interest of the Earth, and its inhabitants, redefine their misguided mindset. Over the course of time, history has a tendency to repeat itself. How long will it take for the United States and the rest of the world community to react to the cataclysmic changes currently assaulting our global environment?

My perception is that people will more readily change their behavior when it affects them adversely in terms of health and/or money. We are already paying a hefty price. There is an ever-increasing rise in cases of skin cancer. This is attributed in part to the American obsession that having a "bronze-colored" body is healthy. Climatologists indicate that one of the primary antecedents of skin cancer is a climatic-atmospheric change known as global warming.

This phenomenon is a condition created from the burning of fossil fuels (coal, petroleum, and natural gas). Such manufactured burning releases carbon diox-

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Wednesday, January 16th
MOCA Meeting
Police Dept. Community Room
7:00 P.M.

Thursday, January 17th
Ag. Planning Board
Police Station Community Room
7:15 P.M.

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ide (CO2) into the air we breathe, causing unseasonable temperatures which heat the earth's surface. Gases in the ozone layer cause the sun's ultraviolet rays to become entrapped within the earth's atmosphere, resulting in a phenomenon known as the Greenhouse Effect.

According to the United Nation's Environment Programme, the Greenhouse Effect and global warming are serious and worth mentioning:

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During the warmer months of the year, sun-bathers do indeed pay a hazardous price. Climatologists estimate that approximately 60 percent of the sun's ultra-violet rays strike between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., increasing greatly the risk of extreme sunburn. Extreme sunburn, resulting from over-exposure to UV rays, has been shown to cause cataracts in the eyes and both benign and malignant forms of skin cancer.

In regard to money, the inescapable fact is that American agriculture continues to suffer massive financial losses. The farming industry, an American pillar of strength and tradition, is suffering unprecedented hardships, largely due to adverse weather changes wrought by global warming. The results are droughts and severe cases of desertification.

Health and money are the cornerstones of human behavior throughout life. We must in the best interest of humankind, confront the challenge of, "preserving and protecting" the environment "so help" us "god." The journey toward the betterment of our global environment will require unprecedented sacrifices in every aspect of life, especially, socially and economically.

Until we do that our children's chances of survival are minimal at best. The proposed initiative of "Operation Environmental Action" will be an investment in the preservation of our planet Earth well into the Twenty-First Century. A sustainable program safeguarding our precious environment will be long, and at times a hard commitment to make, but the benefits far outweigh the socio-economic costs. There is no alternative.

Joseph J. Easton-Agawam Resident
Staff of Senator Al Gore-Washington, D.C.

Winds Of Change On Beacon Hill

by Senator Linda Melconian

As your State Senator I thank-you for your support during 1990 and wish everyone a happy and healthy 1991.

Winds of change have blown across Beacon Hill. For the first time in 20 years we have a Republican Governor, a new leadership team in the House of Representatives, and dramatic changes in the composition of the State Senate.

It will not be business as usual.

I have targeted a number of areas for special emphasis and action during this legislative session. Streamlining the State government bureaucracy and "sunsetting" or eliminating costly programs, benefits, services, expenses and regulations which are non-essential, duplicative, contradictory or no longer serve a substantial need or purpose are top priorities in the new year. I have filed legislation which would bring responsibility to a restructured and more efficient State government.

Placing a lid on entitlement programs is the clarion call for bold action. Tough votes will be needed to restructure the entitlement philosophy of many spending programs. None will require greater courage and steadfastness than the welfare and Medicaid benefit programs which together comprise one-fifth of our State budget. I have filed a comprehensive welfare reform measure which would include a reevaluation of the time frame by which individuals can receive welfare benefits to enhance economic independence, require certain adult recipients to perform community service work, and require teenagers to stay in school as

a condition of benefit eligibility.

The present auto system of Massachusetts is too highly regulated for Boston's benefit and, in my opinion, rotten to the core. Progressive changes within the current system still will not bring about the kind of fair and equitable system to which Western Massachusetts consumers are entitled. I have filed legislation to repeal our current fixed and established territorial system, replacing it with a prior approval, competitive zone system similar to many other states.

In the area of health insurance, I have proposed the establishment of a Medex insurance task force which shall investigate the problems associated with Medex Blue Cross-Blue Shield and recommend for action legislation in 1991 to remedy the rising costs of Medex insurance.

Some of the other areas I intend to examine further include police training, establishment of a crime lab in Western Massachusetts, procedures relating to arrest based upon a warrant, a collaborative educational program between community colleges and elder care facilities and elimination of the one-year residency requirement for honorably discharged members of the armed services. Finally, in the area of domestic relations, child custody and child support enforcement orders are an ongoing concern throughout Hampden County and require proper execution and implementation.

I realize I have outlined an ambitious legislative agenda for 1991, and I look forward to an active, productive and challenging legislative session.

LEGAL NOTICE**TOWN OF AGAWAM
PLANNING BOARD**

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 17, 1991 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 680 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Charles R. Calabrese for a Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "High Meadows Phase II." This proposed subdivision will consist of five lots to be located on 3.1 acres of land and is an extension of Wagon Wheel Drive.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Published: January 10, 1991

LEGAL NOTICE**TOWN OF AGAWAM
AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Agawam Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 22, 1991 at 8:00 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA on the application for four (4) signs to be located at Main and Suffield Street, Agawam, MA in accordance with Sec. 20-77, Paragraph (b), of the zoning by-laws as submitted by Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, MA.

Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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Bulk Trash Pickup Fails To Muster 2/3's Council Vote

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

In an 6-3-2 vote Town Council opted to leave the trash where it lies until the next fiscal year.

Despite a lengthy plea from Councilor Colleen Dupee to act on a bulk trash collection for early spring, the council now will have to go along with a tentative mayoral commitment to include the bulk pick-up in the Fiscal Year 1991-92 budget.

Because Mayor Christopher C. Johnson refused the council's call for a spring bulk trash pick-up, eight votes were deemed necessary to thwart Johnson's action. Johnson said on Monday that depending on the numbers facing the town when preparing the new budget (mostly how much can be expected from the state), a bulk pick-up might be included in the next year's budget.

This apparently puts an end to a nine month struggle between Johnson and some members of the council. In fact, the trash issue had become a powerplay between the Mayor and the council. The majority of the council was in favor of the bulk trash pickup paid for by the town, while Johnson said he alone had the authority to decide this issue.

Johnson and several of his supporters on the council, led by George Bitzas, had attempted to initiate the controversial trash fee to settle the issue months ago.

However, not enough support could be mustered on the council to support the initiation of the trash fee, which was once proposed at \$35 per household.

Miss Dupee verbally presented on opinion "from my private counsel" that the controversial collection could indeed be mandated by the Town Council and cited figures from the town landfill contract that indicate the town would spend almost as much on penalty for insufficient tonnage (per contract specifications) as it would cost for a townwide collection. The bulk-pick-up cost is tabulated at \$55,500 while the potential penalty for insufficient tonnage is \$47,486.40, according to her.

Miss Dupee reported that the town is currently 989.3 tons short of the contracted 4,520 tons estimated for the first half of the year.

A bulk collection could generate 1,000 tons, with 300 going to landfill and 700 to the incinerator, less the sale/recycle of scrap metal.

Miss Dupee's private attorney was identified as former Town Solicitor Anthony C. Bonavita of Agawam.

Arguments ensued over the legalities of the proposed ordinance, with Miss Dupee calling for a ruling from the state Attorney General over the perceived conflicts in state law relevant to who could authorize the funding of a bulk trash pick-up.

It's the same argument that on November 7th sent three councilors walking out of chambers in protest and ultimately resulted in censure actions being (that were later dropped) cast against the three councilors (Councilors Joanne Willis, Jessie D. Fuller, and Bitzas).

Town Solicitor Thomas S. Locke had ruled that the authority in this matter rested with the Mayor and not the council.

With a statement issued by Mayor Christopher Johnson that he would attempt to budget such collections in the fiscal year 1992 plan, the council could only gather six votes, two shy of two-thirds of the council (enough to override a mayoral veto).

Until fiscal '92 arrives in July, however, Agawam residents will have to continue hoarding those bulk items or arrange privately for collection (at a fee).

A firm from Chicopee has been privately picking-up bulk trash items since late last year.

Town Councilor Edward A. Caba urged councilors to support Miss Dupee's call for a spring bulk trash pickup, while Councilor Joanne Willis again refuted this agenda item as being an illegal one.

Council Vice-President Jessie D. Fuller demanded that Miss Dupee provide the council with her attorney's legal ruling on the issue, but Miss Dupee refused.

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Middle School Auditorium, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, January 22nd, 1991 upon petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. dated December 19, 1990 for permission to: place UG conduit in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 8th day of January, 1991. Information regarding this petition may be obtained from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Springfield between 8-10 a.m. tel. no. 787-0391.

Petition No. 94-3047
Street, Pineview Circle
Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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Agawam Crime Prevention...

The Nuisance Of False Alarms In Town

by Officer Wayne Macey
Agawam Police Department

Although it has been stated before, I believe it bears repeating.

False alarms are not only a nuisance to homeowners and those around them, but they are of serious concern to your Police Department. Townwide we are experiencing between 80 and 125 false alarms a month. These are calls for help that must be taken seriously by the officer or officers responding. Our alarms per month that turn out to be legitimate number somewhere between one and three.

If we are to look at these numbers in terms of risk and wasted manpower, then it becomes more than apparent that something has to be done. We are a town of 28 square miles surrounding some 32,000 plus people. We are growing in leaps and bounds and the needs of the public are increasing on a daily basis.

Ambulance calls, suspicious activity complaints, traffic problems, and domestic difficulties are all incidents requiring constant, if not immediate attention. If the officers are to be tied up running all over town after false alarms, then somewhere, someone is going to suffer.

We are an emergency service and with life on the line, we can ill-afford time wasted on false calls.

As I have mentioned before, the anatomy of a false alarm call is such that it puts the life of the responding officer (and those around him or her) in jeopardy. As

the call for a house or business alarm is given out, the officer involved increases speed in anticipation of the real thing. Another officer is assigned as a backup, taking him from his assigned district and leaving an area unprotected.

As both officers arrive they must proceed slowly and with caution to determine the authenticity of the call. Doors, windows, and the entire perimeter of the building must be checked. And depending on the size of the structure, this could take some time.

Meanwhile, life goes on in the other districts and legitimate calls for help are being processed more slowly and with less manpower because of a false alarm caused by equipment failure or user error. If a call to a personal injury accident, heart attack, or serious assault must be delayed because of a false alarm, the results could be tragic.

The risk will be lessened if we take the time to seek out and employ professional equipment and installation. In addition, care must be practiced when entering and exiting the home. Most false alarms are due to carelessness on the part of the business or homeowner.

One last point. If buying an alarm system for your home or business, please notify the Police Department with emergency numbers where people can be reached in the event it becomes necessary. The same applies if you currently have an alarm.

Agawam Police Dept. Weekly Arrest Blotter

On December 29th, **Robert J. Megit**, 35 Hall Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Rich Conlon and Eric Camerlin.

On December 30th, **Richard Rudzik, Jr.**, 32 Center Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol, operating without a valid license, attaching plates to a motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle. Arresting police officers were Sergeant Don Loncto and Keith Bopko.

On December 30th, **Kathleen A. Hubbard**, 86 Ottawa Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol, and possession of a class "D" substance. Arresting officers were Steve Draghetti and Sergeant Gary Nardi.

On January 1st, **Rodney Williams**, 126 Leary Drive, Holyoke, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering and larceny. Arresting officers were Mark Caccarini, Gary O'Brien, Walter Zymroz, Mark Poggi, and Sergeant Don Loncto.

On January 1st, **Brian E. Drenen**, 140 Union Street, Westfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Gary O'Brien.

On January 1st, **David L. Lane**, 61 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with operating without a license, unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, receiving stolen property, attaching plates, and open and gross lewdness. Arresting officers were Brian Connor and Richard Conlon.

On January 1st, **Nelson R. Nevarez**, 3 South Longyard Road, Southwick, was arrested and charged with domestic assault and battery. Arresting officers were Sergeant Gary Nardi and Joe Edwards.

On January 3rd, **Charles A. Fortin**, 44 River Road, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Longmeadow Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Robert Marsh, Joe Dymon, and Gerry O'Keefe.

On January 3rd, **Wayne Whitlock**, 33 Norman Terrace, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with nine counts of breaking and entering in the daytime with intent to commit a felony, five counts of larceny over \$250, four counts of larceny under \$250, possession of a handgun without an F.I.D. card, possession of ammunition without a permit, and an outstanding Westfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Detectives Anthony Malone, Walter Letellier, Daniel Ciak, and Wayne Macey.

On January 5th, **Barry I. Leavitt**, 275 Allen Park Road, Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Walter Zymroz.

On January 5th, **Daniel J. Stehn**, 163 Elm Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko and Steve Grasso.

On January 5th, **Cheval Smalls**, 418 Meadow Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi, Sergeant Robert Rossi, Donald Gallerani, and Auxiliary Officer Ilnick.



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Fireplace Safety

by Barbara Vaughn

assistant manager, George & Green Real Estate

Fireplaces are one of the most attractive home features, providing family members warmth throughout the cold winter months. However, lack of maintenance and safety precautions can create serious home hazards, says Barbara W. Vaughn, director of Relocation of George & Green Real Estate Co., Inc.

"As temperatures drop, families are often anxious to light that first fire of the season. But before striking that first match, homeowners should give their fireplace a thorough inspection," Vaughn notes.

George & Green Real Estate Co., Inc. is a member of RELO/The International Relocation Network, the nation's oldest and largest referral network of independent real estate brokers. The RELO network, headquartered in Chicago, provides a wide range of relocation services to assist transferees and their families sell a house in one community and purchase a new home in the new community. The network, celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, reported more than \$50 billion in total real estate sales volume from its members in 1989.

"A look up the chimney to make sure that the area is clear of any obstructions should give homeowners an idea of the fireplace's condition," Vaughn says.

"Those homeowners who have never operated a fireplace before as well as those who have recently purchased a home should call in a professional to give the entire fireplace and chimney a thorough inspection," she adds.

Vaughn also recommends that homeowners periodically have their chimneys professionally cleaned in order to clear dangerous soot from the insides of the fireplace walls. "This will prevent any residue from igniting and creating an out-of-control blaze," says Vaughn.

A good inspection is the start of practicing fireplace safety, but family education is paramount in ensuring proper use, notes Vaughn. She recommends that older members of the family know how to build and maintain a fire. Vaughn emphasizes, "Be sure that every person in the family also knows what to do in case the fire gets out of control—make a firm plan of action."

She recommends that homeowners add a fireplace drill to their regular fire drill routines. "The only way younger members of the family will know what to do in case of fire is practice. Children should also be instructed to know that fireplaces are not toys and can cause them harm if not treated with caution," Vaughn says.

She adds, "A safe and properly used fireplace can cut home heating costs and provide hours of comfort and enjoyment to the family."

In addition to providing a wide range of relocation services, the RELO network has entered into an agreement with the Dallas-based Associates Corporation of North America, allowing George & Green Real Estate Co., Inc. and other RELO members to further help homebuyers as well as sellers by offering a variety of financial services for transferees.

RELO also recently announced the formation of two new divisions providing its members with the opportunity to expand activities with both commercial and rental properties.

George & Green Real Estate Co., Inc. has four offices and 40 sales associates and has served the Greater Springfield area for 16 years.

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Middle School Auditorium, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, January 22, 1991 upon petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. dated December 17, 1990 for permission to: place UG conduit & manholes in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 8th day of January, 1991. Information regarding this petition may be obtained from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Springfield between 8-10 a.m. tel. no. 787-0391.

Petition No. 120818
Street, Main Street
Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

Published: January 10, 1991

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You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Middle School Auditorium, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, January 22, 1991 upon petition of Western Mass. Electric Company dated December 6, 1990 for permission to: place buried cable in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 8th day of January, 1991. Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 785-5871 Ext. 2480.

Petition No. 1309
Street, North St. & Elizabeth St.
Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

Published: January 10, 1991

IRS Promoting Outreach On Tax Education To Public

In 1990, members of over 8000 groups and associations received help with their federal tax returns through a program called Community Outreach Tax Education. Major tax law changes, line-by-line preparation of federal tax returns, and information of interest to fishermen and seniors were a few of the topics covered in seminars last year.

Convenient times and locations may be arranged through local IRS Taxpayer Education Coordinators. Call IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-1040 and ask for the Taxpayer Education Coordinator.

Westbank Corp. Declares Dividend

At its December meeting, the Board of Directors of Westbank Corporation, the parent company of Park West Bank and Trust Company, has declared a 1 percent stock dividend to shareholders of record on January 4th, 1991 and payable January 22nd, 1991, with fractions being settled for in cash at \$2.50 per share.

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Home Fires...Two Ways Out

Fire! In your home? No, you think. But, what if it did? Would you and your family know what to do? Would they react safely? In 1987, the year for which the most current fire statistics are available, 4,660 deaths occurred in residences in the United States.

The primary problem surrounding this high home fire death rate is the belief by individuals that they won't have an accidental fire. So they aren't prepared when a fire occurs, and react improperly when a fire does occur. Family members should plan ahead, their actions, in the event their homes are stricken by a fire.

- Install and maintain smoke detectors: at least one on each level and one outside each bedroom area.

- Every occupant should know two ways out of each bedroom: a primary exit (usually the door) and a secondary exit (the window), should the doorway be blocked.

- For primary exit escapes, make sure everyone knows to crawl out on their hands and knees below the smoke. Placing a cloth over their nose and mouth may also reduce smoke inhalation.

- Some family members may need assistance escaping such as infants, small children and the elderly. Assign "helpers" in advance so that, in the event of a fire, everyone will know what is expected of them.

- For 2nd- and 3rd- story window escapes, install folding chain escape ladders. They may be stored in a box by the window for quick access.

- Determine an outside meeting place. Make sure everyone is familiar with its designation.

- Most important: Practice the plan! Not only during the day, but also at night. Time the evacuation and evaluate your home fire escape plan. Don't wait until a fire occurs to find out that a window is stuck shut.

- Make sure everyone knows not to attempt to extinguish the fire or grab valuables.

- Once all family members are outside at the designated meeting place, if possible, an adult should go to a neighbor's house to telephone the fire department. Memorize your fire department's emergency telephone number 911. Have it posted on your phones and the neighbor's phones.

Laughing Brooks Has Wildlife Programs

Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden presents the first in a series of five evening presentations on wildlife subjects by outstanding naturalists from across the state. The schedule includes:

January 17th, Cape Cod: The Other Season; January 31st, Black Bear; February 14th, East African Wildlife; March 7th, Anadromous Fish of Massachusetts; March 21st, Returning Terns, Turnstones, and Warblers.

Each presentation takes place at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings. Fees for each program are \$3 for Massachusetts Audubon members and \$4 for non-members. Preregistration is not required.

In Cape Cod: The Other Season, Bob Prescott will talk about the animals not found on the Cape during warmer months. His presentation will feature the natural history of sea ducks, seals, and whales. Prescott is the director of the Massachusetts Audubon Society's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary.

For more information on this program or a copy of our current newsletter, call Laughing Brook, 566-8034.

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Agawam Town Clerk Reminds Residents To Respond Promptly To Local Census

Town Clerk Richard M. Theroux wishes to remind citizens to respond promptly to the local census. The local census, primarily used to maintain voting lists, is being conducted by the town clerk's office during January. Theroux emphasized that a prompt and accurate response will save the town money because it will limit the need for local officials to complete costly follow-up visits in person or by telephone. A prompt response will help the municipalities complete this task efficiently and quickly as required by state law.

"On Election Day this year many people were inconvenienced at the polls when they learned that their names had been dropped from the voting list. While voters may be reinstated at the polling place, the reinstatement process requires voters to spend extra time at the polling place and this may create longer lines for everyone. A simple response to the local census this month can prevent these problems from occurring in the future," Theroux stated.

The Registrars of Voters of every city and town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are required by law to communicate by mail, phone or personal visit with every household to determine name, date of birth,

nationality, and occupation of every resident in that municipality. These simple pieces of information will protect people's rights as residents, and ensure that their name will remain on the voting list.

"Although the State Census was abolished last November, the local Census is still required by Massachusetts Law to determine the residents of individual cities or towns," Theroux stated. "If residents fail to respond to their local census promptly, it will cost more money to pay for follow-up visits. No one can afford that cost."

The local census is primarily used to maintain voting and jury lists but it also aids in school enrollment projections, public safety, and senior citizens' needs. The local census also establishes proof of residency, which is often needed for certain privileges, such as transfer station stickers and cemetery rights, certain veterans benefits, and reduced tuition rates at state colleges and universities.

"Answering your local census will save you and your local officials time and money. Massachusetts is counting on your immediate response," said Theroux.

Some Tips For Taxpayers About Who May Be Considered An Employee.....

If you hire a housekeeper, companion or some other person to work in your home, you may be considered an employer. As an employer, you have certain tax responsibilities.

When you have the legal right to control what, where, when and how a worker performs a job, you are an employer even if you do not exercise that control. Generally, you will have to withhold social security tax from the worker's pay, pay an equal amount of social security tax from your own funds, and—if the worker requests and you agree—withhold federal income tax. Some employers are also responsible for other taxes, such as federal unemployment tax and advance payment of earned income credit.

You are not liable for any of the above taxes if the individual who works for you is self-employed. Self-employed persons are in business for themselves. Someone who provides lawn care to a number of homeowners, using his own tools and helpers, would not be an employee of any of the homeowners.

Usually, workers you obtain through a private agency are not your employees. The agency is responsible for who does the work and how it is done. A nurse from

a placement agency that comes in and cares for you is not your employee if the agency sets the fee and has control, such as providing rules of conduct and appearance and requiring regular reports from the nurse.

Also, if you are being cared for in the worker's home or place of business, you are generally not considered an employer. The chart below shows which forms to file.

***If you are an employer subject to Social Security taxes (FICA), you need forms:**

—942, "Employer's Quarterly Tax Return For Household Employees," filed each quarter;

—W-2, "Wage and Tax Statement," filed at the end of the year;

—W-4, "Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate," completed by your employee;

—940, "Employer's Annual Federal Unemployment (FUTA) Tax Return," filed at the end of the year;

—W-5, "Earned Income Credit Advance Payment Certificate," completed by eligible employee;

Give Notice 797, "You May Be Eligible for a Refund on Your Federal Income Tax Return Because of the Earned Income Credit (EIC)," to all employees who may be eligible.

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Storowton Meeting House was the setting for the October 20th wedding of Jodi E. Pirnie to Demetrios John Kallipolites II.

Parents of the bride are Mr. & Mrs. Paul Pirnie of 91 Robin Ridge Drive, Feeding Hills.

Parents of the groom are Mr. & Mrs. John Kallipolites of 20 Beekman Drive, Agawam.

The couple was married by the bride's uncle, Reverend Lafayette H. Sprague, retired Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, North Adams. Assisting with the ceremony was the bride's cousin, Reverend Peter Hey of New Hampshire.

Teresa Martone attended the bride as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Laurie Dimino, Mary Flagg, Jodi Cecchi, Tina Dimino, and Lisa Connery.

Stephen Kallipolites served his brother as best man. Ushers were Shawn Pirnie, Matthew Girouard, Christopher Tourville, Todd Connery, and David Arnold.

The bride's cousins, Ashley Sprague and Joshua Hey were flower girl and ringbearer.

The couple attended and graduated from Agawam High School.

The bride is also a graduate of Springfield Technical Community College, and is employed by Hair East in Agawam.

The groom also attended STCC, and is employed at Harvest Foods in Springfield.

Following a reception at the Carriage House in West Springfield, the couple left for a trip to Walt Disney World in Florida.

The couple will reside in Agawam.

Local Children Collect For Fuel Fund



TOWN COUNCILOR GEORGE BITZAS (right) and Mayor Christopher C. Johnson congratulate youngsters Philip Bitzas, Kornelia Morsis, Kostas Klitsas, and Vasilios Klitsas for their donation of \$60 to be used for Fuel Assistance Fund. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Dr. David Kerr Guest Of Ag. Congregational

On Sunday, January 13th, Dr. David Kerr will be a special guest for the day at Agawam Congregational Church. Dr. Kerr is the director of the Duncan Black MacDonald Center for the study of Island and Christian-Muslim relations at the Hartford Seminary, Connecticut. He is an outstanding speaker and offers a unique view of the Persian Gulf crisis that is on all our minds and in our prayers.

Dr. Kerr will speak to the 9:15 a.m. church school, seventh grade-adult classes, and will also speak during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. He will focus on the Abyssinian Exile.

This historical event between Christians and Muslims may shed some light on the current world situation. All are invited to attend the 10:30 a.m. worship service to hear Dr. Kerr speak.

Ag. Catholic Women's Club Slate Pot Luck Supper

The Catholic Women's Club will hold its Annual Pot Luck Supper on Monday, January 14th, at 6:30 p.m., at St. John's Parish Hall, Agawam.

Members are asked to bring one item for the Penny Auction. If members have not been contacted to bring a food dish, please contact any member of the Executive Board. Please remember donations for the Open Pantry.

"Starlight, Starbright" At Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is now accepting registrations for Starlight, Starbright, Saturday, January 26th, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, grades three to six.

Participants will discover how ancient cultures viewed the constellations as a separate world where the inhabitants lived out many memorable adventures. These tales of old and some new ones of our own will be just a few activities in this daytime astronomy program.

Preregistration is required at least three days in advance of this program. Fees are \$5 for Massachusetts Audubon members and \$6 for non-members. For more information on this or other programs, call Laughing Brook, 566-8034.

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Ag. Junior Women Install Officers

The Agawam Junior Women's Club (GFWCM) held their installation of officers during a dinner at Storowton on Friday, January 4th.

The new officers are Rosalie Dialessi, president; Donna Shibley, first vice president; Eleanor Jean, second vice-president; Eva Jack, treasurer; Sue Hoague, secretary; Eileen Hamre, corresponding secretary; and Laura Paul, publicity.

The Junior Women's Club meets at 7:30 p.m., at the Captain Leonard House the third Tuesday of the month. Anyone interested in improving the community is invited to attend. The January meeting will feature AFS students from Agawam High School.

Volunteer Meeting At Ag. Senior Center

Please come to a meeting at the Agawam Senior Center on Tuesday, January 15th, at 1:00 p.m. This meeting is for the regular volunteers and those who are interested in giving of their time and concern for the elderly.

Due to budget restraints on all levels, some services for the elderly have been cut-back or eliminated. Through the planned programs, it is hoped there will be help where there have been cuts. These programs include visitations, escort service, and fix-it services.

A Birthday Card Club is also being initiated for the lonely shut-ins. Help is needed in setting-up the lists of shut-ins with their birthdays, addresses, and mailing of cards.

At the meeting there will be a representative from Heritage Hall to talk about their special needs for volunteers.

To make these and other programs work, new volunteers are needed as well as those who have been faithful and active in the past. Come and find out what you can do to help.



OUTGOING AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT Eileen Hamre (right) passes on the gavel to new President Rosalie Dialessi during an installation dinner at Storowton Tavern on Friday, January 4th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BOARD MEMBERS of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, from left - Eileen Hamre, corresponding secretary; Rhonda O'Donnell, Newsletter; Kathy Nelson, Ways & Means; Liz Taylor, Ways & Means; and Laura Paul, publicity. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Saturday, January 12th
Family Style Ham & Bean Supper
Ag. Baptist Church, Main Street
Servings at 4:45 & 6:15 p.m.

Monday, January 14th
Annual Pot Luck Supper
Ag. Catholic Women's Club
St. John's Parish Hall
6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 15th
Agawam Senior Center Meeting
All Present & Prospective Members
Agawam Senior Center
1:00 p.m.

Friday, January 18th
Story/Children's Craft Hour On Birds
Ag. Public Library Community Room
Call library at 789-1550 to register
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 19th
3rd Annual Oldies Dance
F.H. Chapter of Operation Friendship
at Polish American Club
8:00 p.m. to midnight

Thursday, January 31st
Breast Of Chicken Supper
Merriweds Of Ag. Congregational Church
745 Main Street, Agawam Center
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Agawam Junior Women Welcome New Board



NEW BOARD MEMBERS of the Agawam Junior Women's Club for 1991-92 include, from left - Sue Hoague, recording secretary; Donna Shibley, 1st vice-president; Rosalie Dialessi, president; Eleanor Jean, 2nd vice-president; and Eva Jack, treasurer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Breast Of Chicken Supper Slated By Ag. Congregational

The Merriweds of Agawam Congregational Church will hold a Breast of Chicken Supper at the church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, on Thursday, January 31st, with sittings at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m.

The menu will include breast of chicken, baked potato, carrots, cole slaw, cranberry sauce, rolls, beverages, and homemade cake.

The cost is \$6.25 for adults, and \$3.25 for children under 12. For reservations call 786-7114 or 786-8619 by Monday, January 28th.

Exercise Program Begins At St. John's Parish Center

Happy New Year! Now that the holiday rush is behind us, perhaps this is the time to begin that exercise program you've been talking about.

Classes are held at St. John's Church Hall, Agawam, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m., and Friday evening, at 5:45 p.m.

The atmosphere is friendly, relaxed, and open to all. If more information is needed, please call 786-6636. If not, hope to see you soon.

Agawam Senior Center Lunch Menu

Monday, January 14th: Turkey rice soup, stuffed shells, zucchini, whole wheat bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, January 15: Chicken cutlet, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, pumpnickel bread, baked custard.

Wednesday, January 16th: Hamburg stew (potatoes, onions, peas, carrots, celery), tossed salad, Canadian oat bread, applecrisp with whipped topping.

Thursday, January 17th: Roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, cranberry sauce, peas, rye bread, apricots.

Friday, January 18th: Stuffed scrod, rice florentine, pickled beets, oatmeal bread, mixed fruit.

Pvt. Thomas W. Sacco, Jr. Graduates From Basic Training

Army National Guard Private Thomas W. Sacco, Jr. has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is the son of Suzanne M. Garvin of 63 Elizabeth Street, Feeding Hills, and Thomas William Sacco of 15 Woodcock Court, Feeding Hills.

The soldier is a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School.

Agawam Band Parents Association

Monte Carlo Night

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8:30 pm - 12 Midnight

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Agawam Obituaries

Francis M. Collins

Attorney Francis M. Collins, 79, of 131 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, a practicing lawyer for almost 50 years, died Saturday, January 5th, in Baystate Medical Center.

From 1937 until 1941, Collins was a Springfield police officer, serving four years on the reserve list and a year as a regular patrolman.

He received his law degree at the former Northwestern University (Western New England College) in Springfield, in 1942. He also attended American International College, Springfield, and University extension classes.

He was an investigator for the War Labor Production Board, and in 1945 Collins left his position on the staff of the wage-hour and public contracts division of the United States Department of Labor to open a law office at 31 Elm Street, Springfield. He also had a law office at 53 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Collins also had been a lawyer for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Real Estate.

He was a Ward 3 alderman for the City of Springfield, and had served as president of the aldermen from 1942 until 1943. While an alderman, Collins was chairman of City Property Indemnification and the Public Utilities committees.

He was a member of the Home City Council of the Knights of Columbus, the Massachusetts Police Association, and the Shamrock Club. He later moved to Feeding Hills where he was a member of the Agawam Lions Club. He also belonged to the Granger School Parent Teacher Association and the Agawam Sportsmens Club.

He leaves his wife of 53 years, the former Elizabeth Meehan; four sons, Francis M. Jr. of North Brunswick, New Jersey, Attorney Edward J. Collins of Springfield, Attorney Charles A. Collins of East Longmeadow, John Collins of Stafford Springs, Connecticut; four daughters, Carol Aubrey of Holyoke, Elaine Milligan of Stafford Springs, Connecticut, Marilyn Wodyka of Belchertown, and Sheila Boisvert of Feeding Hills; a brother, Raymond Collins of Springfield, and a sister, Sheila Donovan of East Longmeadow, and 14 grandchildren.

The funeral was held at T.P. Sampson Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home, Springfield, and in Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

Joseph Basile

Joseph Basile, 79, of 24 Mountainview Street, Agawam, founder and owner of the former Basile Importing Company, a grocery store that was located at 93 Hancock Street, Springfield, died Wednesday, January 2nd, in Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He retired in 1973 after operating the business 35 years. Before that, he worked at Asinoff Clothing Company.

Born in New York, New York, he lived in Italy for several years and was educated there in Florence. He moved to Springfield in 1928 and to Agawam in 1973. He was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

He leaves his wife of 55 years, the former Angelina F. Romano; a daughter, Joanne Siddall of Suffield, Connecticut, and three grandchildren.

A private funeral was held with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 33 Fourth Avenue, Needham, MA, 02194.

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Christina C. De Pinto

Christina C. De Pinto, 60, of 55 Highland Avenue, Agawam, electronic instructor and supervisor at the Goodwill Industry in Springfield, died Monday, December 31st, in Mercy Hospital, Springfield.

She worked 30 years in electronics and was selected for her position at the Goodwill Industry by the Advisory Council of Local Electronic Business and Goodwill.

She was the first instructor involved with the pilot program between Goodwill and East Longmeadow High School, called "Adopt a Student." The program gained national and statewide attention, and was cited by the Sears and Roebuck Foundation.

She also worked with special needs persons and regular high school students who later obtained jobs at Hamilton Standard, a division of United Technologies in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, and the Electronic Coil Company. She worked 15 years at Hi-G of Windsor Locks, where she had been a supervisor and electronic technician.

Born in Springfield she lived most of her life in Feeding Hills, where she was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. She received a supervisory certificate from the University of Connecticut.

She leaves three sisters, Pasqueline "Pat" Demichele and Antonette Demichele, both of Feeding Hills, and Angelina Rossi of Agawam, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield.

Celia C. Dudley

Celia C. (Devolst) Dudley, 80, formerly of Agawam, a retired employee of the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Division of the United Technologies Corporation, East Hartford, died Monday, January 7th, in a local convalescent home.

Born in Norton, Vermont, she had lived in Agawam most of her life. She was the wife of the late Ernest E. Dudley.

She leaves two sons, Robert G. of Southwick and Daniel H. of Londonderry, New Hampshire; a daughter, Joyce Horanzy of West Suffield; a brother, Harvey of Burlington, Vermont; seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at the Heritage Funeral Home, Suffield, and in St. Joseph's Church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the Suffield Volunteer Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 648, Suffield, CT, 06078.

Julian C. Waniewski

Julian C. Waniewski, 73, of 417 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, a retired pilot plant operator at Monsanto Company, died Thursday, January 3rd, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. He retired in 1972.

Born in Springfield, he moved to Agawam in 1953 and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. He was an Army veteran, serving as second lieutenant during World War II. He was a member of the American-Polish Club and the Agawam Senior Center.

He leaves his wife of 48 years, the former Anna K. Wajda; two sons, Robert A. of Glenmont, New York, and Eugene C. of Worcester; two brothers, Henry and Matthew, both of Feeding Hills; two sisters, Jennie Juzba and Jean Allegro, both of Feeding Hills, and five grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA, 01040, or to the American Heart Association, 33 Fourth Avenue, Needham, MA, 02194.

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Agawam Rotary Donates To Library, Brightside



AT AN AGAWAM ROTARY CLUB meeting last month, member Richie Mitnick (right) presents Gerry Malouin from Brightside in Springfield with a check for \$500 to be used to help the children of that agency. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM CHIEF LIBRARIAN Donna Campbell receives a donation of \$1,000 from Agawam Rotarian Richie Mitnick to be used for the library's compact disc collection. The donation was made at a Rotary Club meeting last month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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HANUKKAH WAS CELEBRATED at Heritage Hall with an evening meal in the West Building by residents, family, and staff members. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



A MAGIC MIX CHRISTMAS PLAY was enjoyed by residents at Heritage Hall Nursing Home through the efforts of the junior volunteers and latchkey children. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Weekly News & Events At Heritage Hall

Tis The Season For Sharing

During this most Holy Season, there is a deeper appreciation of those who enrich our life year round with spiritual celebrations.

Kenneth Langdon, classical guitarist, presented a program with selections that pleased everyone.

A medley of hymns, such as "Whispering Hope," a touch of Spain for spice, ballads, fandango, and a ballet, "Dance of the Blessed Saints," was played. Closing with everyone's favorite carols.

Margaret Hill-Sarno held the final rehearsal of "The Fort Troubadours." There was no doubt in the minds of their audience that the 1990 Christmas at the "Fort" was going to be great!

At the evening Open House, with friends and family gathered around us and Ronald Girouard at the keyboard, the Spirit of the Christmas Season came full bloom.

With residents gathered around the Christmas tree, Santa (John F. Dowling) and guitarist (Bob Martineau) with their merrymaking friends, sang songs and passed presents. Fun was had by all.

Sprinkled throughout the month of December, entertainment from the community were carolers, Judy Albert and friends; Doris Donovan with Junior Girl Scouts decked out in hand-decorated red sweat-shirts—they belong to Troop 542, and Mary Ellen Sullivan with a 4-H Group.

Happy New Year to all!

Heritage Hall South Christmas Play

T'was the week before Christmas when all through the hall the Magic Mix Christmas play was enjoyed by all. The junior volunteers and the latchkey children and residents spent the month of December in preparation for the holiday play—"T'was the Night Before Christmas."

The props were constructed and painted by the children with encouragement from the residents. A good time and much laughter was shared during the rehearsals. The end result was a great play, followed by uplifting joyous Christmas carols.

Highlights of the show included the dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies and a visit from Santa Claus. The residents thoroughly enjoyed the performance as evidenced by the resounding applause and comments such as, "This was the best Magic Mix Program we have had in a long time."

Thank-you to all who played a part in making this program such a success. It was a job well done!

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Mayor's Office Of Community Affairs

Ruth E. Zucco, "Project Christmas" Coordinator

Riverside Recognizes Employee



"MAINTENANCE PERSON OF THE MONTH" for November at Riverside Park was Nancy Inman. Nancy receives her award from T.C. Freeman, Jr., director of Maintenance.

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Agawam Band Parents Slate Monte Carlo Night Feb. 2nd

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On Saturday, February 2nd, the Agawam Band Parents Association will sponsor a "Monte Carlo" Night at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills.

Beginning at 8:30 p.m., over 20 tables of chance will be featured including Blackjack, Roulette, Acey Ducey, Number Wheel, and a host of others. Come join celebrity dealers, Mayor Christopher Johnson and Representative Michael Walsh, to help support the Agawam High School Bands and more importantly, the over 100 young people who participate in the music program.

Even when the tables close, the excitement and good time will not be over. At 12:00 midnight, it will be time for both winners and losers to measure their winnings against literally hundreds of valuable prizes. Yes, winners and losers will be eligible to leave with a prize in their hands. A trip to Atlantic City, restaurant gift tickets, sporting goods, tools, and pairs of Indians Hockey tickets will be up for bid. A special losers prize table will be set up.

Tickets are on sale now. For a donation of \$10 per person, an evening of fun will almost be guaranteed. For tickets, please call 786-1782.

Pvt. Christine R. Weber Completes Basic Training

Private Christine R. Weber has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Weber is the daughter of Phyllis & Harvey Weber of 198 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. She is a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School.

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Johnson Sisters Both Engaged To Be Wed

Mr. & Mrs. John W. Johnson of Suffield Street, Agawam, are proud to announce the betrothals of their daughters, Tammijean and Daniel Romano of Oakland Street, West Springfield, and Micheline Marie and John Shea of Brien Street, Agawam.

Romano is the son of David & Sandra Romano of West Springfield.

Tammijean is employed as a service associate by Staples, Inc. of West Springfield.

Her fiancé is employed by W&I Construction of Agawam.

A September 21st, 1991 wedding is planned for the couple.

Shea is the son of John & Darlene Shea of Agawam.

Micheline is employed as a receptionist by Associates in Surgery, Florence, Massachusetts.

Her fiancé is employed by Rosati Trucking of Agawam.

A May 8th, 1992 wedding is planned for the couple.

West Springfield Coin Club To Meet January 13th

The West Springfield Coin Club will meet Sunday, January 13th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Northeast Utilities/WMECO Building, 174 Brush Hill Road, West Springfield.

Business and topical discussions will take place. Dealers will be available as usual. A small auction of numismatic material is planned. Refreshments will be served/available.

The public is invited. Visitors/guests are welcome as well as potential new members. For further information, contact Peter Setion, 596-9871.

Science Museum Has Public Star-Gazing

The observatory at the Springfield Science Museum will be open for public sky-gazing on Friday, January 11th, at 8:00 p.m. Members of the Springfield Stars Club will operate the museum's 20-inch rooftop telescope and help visitors spot the night's most interesting celestial sights. There is a fee of \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children.

The Science Museum is located on the Quadrangle at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield. For information, please call the museum, 733-1194.



COLLEEN NOFTBALL & ROBERT MEI

Colleen Y. Noftall Engaged To Wed Robert J. Mei

Colleen Yvette Noftall will become the bride of Robert John Mei on August 16th at St. Michael's Church in East Longmeadow.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Maureen Noftall of Feeding Hills and James Noftall of Chicopee.

She is a graduate of Agawam High School and is employed at the Weldon Center, Mercy Hospital.

The future groom is the son of Carlo & Rita Mei of East Longmeadow.

He is a graduate of East Longmeadow High School and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He is employed by the Sisters of Providence Health Systems as a medical-surgical buyer.



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Stress is very powerful. A patient who comes to a chiropractor because of physical pain may not be aware that the pain is the symptom of a stressful situation. As the patient's body is being subjected to unusual pressures, the resulting tension causes the

muscles to get tighter and tighter. Muscles of the back and neck are attached to vertebrae that make up the spinal column. As the muscles tighten up, a bone can become displaced and cause a spinal subluxation, a condition in which one or more of the spinal vertebrae are out of alignment to such an extent that a nerve is impinged and the normal transmission of nerve energy is obstructed.

The resulting pinched nerve can trigger headaches, pain in the neck, arm, or shoulder, or other areas controlled by that nerve. A pinched nerve can also cause a malfunction of one or more organs connected to the central nervous system by the afflicted nerve. The resulting pain causes more stress, which in turn causes more pain.

A doctor of chiropractic can help break the cycle of pain by treating the pinched nerve. This is done by first locating and then correcting the existing subluxations using a spinal adjustment. The muscles then tend to relax as does the patient, and the cycle is broken.

You must learn to determine the source and identify the type of stress that is causing the problem. Changes in mental attitude, physical conditioning, and professional chiropractic treatment may provide relief.

For additional information, please contact the Schlaffer Chiropractic Office, 192 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, 789-1369.

Public Education Program At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital has scheduled a public education program on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (C.P.R.). The two-part program will be held on January 22nd and 29th, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., in the Education Center at 4-6 Mill Street, Westfield.

Noble Hospital's C.P.R. course—Basic Cardiac Life Support—teaches participants how to sustain the life of a heart-attack victim until medical intervention is available. The course also covers techniques on treating choking victims and is approved by the American Heart Association.

All instructors for C.P.R. are certified by the American Heart Association in basic Life Support.

The program is \$25. For further information or to register, call the Education Department, 568-2811, extension 529.

New Massage Therapist Joins Agawam Firm

Lorie Kowal, licensed massage therapist, formerly of Sincerely Yours has joined the office of Frances D. Kelly Massage Therapy Associates located just over the South End Bridge, Agawam. Frances D. Kelly Massage Therapy Associates serves the Greater Springfield area with eight licensed massage therapists.

Lorie is a graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School and Connecticut Center for Massage Therapy having studied Swedish massage, shiatsu, sports massage, reflexology, and polarity. She is a member of the American Massage Therapy Association and has worked in the area as a massage therapist since 1985.

For more information call Ms. Kowal at Frances D. Kelly Massage Therapy Associates, 789-0873.

January Celebrates Blood Donor Month; Give The Gift Of Life!

National Volunteer Blood Donor Month is celebrated each January to promote voluntary blood donation among the general public and to stress the importance of blood in healthcare today. Noble Hospital takes this time to recognize the valuable role blood donors play in the health of the greater Westfield community.

Noble Hospital uses hundreds of units of blood each year to meet the needs of accident victims, hemophiliacs, cancer patients, surgery patients, and others. All types of blood are needed.

According to Darlene Fucci, Blood Bank Supervisor at Noble, donating blood is completely safe. All equipment used is disposable and used only once, eliminating the possibility of acquiring an infectious disease by donating. Blood Bank personnel discuss with the potential donor his medical history to ascertain if he is qualified to donate. A "mini-physical" makes certain the donor is currently healthy. These measures protect the health of the donor as well as that of the patient who will receive the blood.

In addition to the "mini-physical" which checks blood pressure, pulse, hemoglobin, and temperature, the Blood Bank also offers free cholesterol checks to all donors. Free pre-marital tests are offered with a doctor's order for the test.

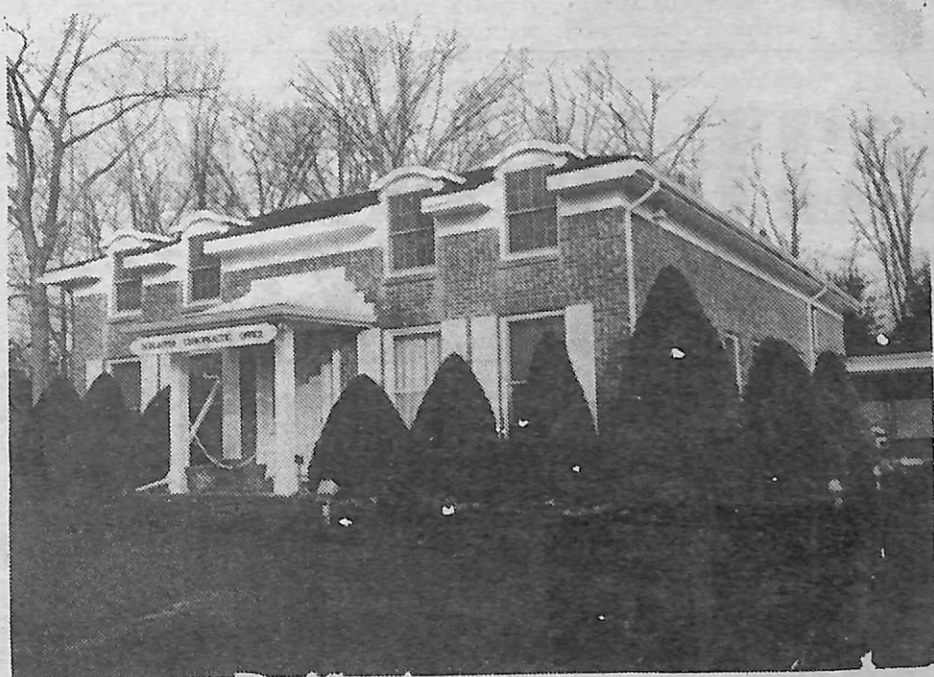
Noble Hospital's Blood Bank is open to donors every Wednesday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Anyone age 17 or older, who is in good health and weighs at least 110 pounds can donate. Written parental permission is needed for those under 18 years of age. Donations can be repeated every eight weeks.

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Cleansing With Diet And Herbs

It is the new year, and many of us have made resolutions for better health. Often, it begins with diet, exercise, and detoxifying the body. There are many programs and points of view on how to cleanse the body. Dr. Janet Zand outlines some basic concepts and prescriptions used with her patients over the last 10 years:

First, begin with diet. Fasting may be a useful way to detox, but it is often extreme, especially for those who have work and families to maintain. A cleansing diet can be equally beneficial and causes much less stress as the body "purifies." Your basic foods would include cooked grains, steamed vegetables, raw vegetable salads, fruit, and juices. No sauces, dressing, butter, or oil. Also, no flour or bread products of any kind. Lemon juice or tamari can be used as a dressing for salads and vegetables. Eat only cooked whole grains.

Adhering to this diet for seven days is an excellent cleansing program, yet two to five days can be beneficial. You must remember to drink lots of pure spring water (at least eight glasses per day!).

While on any cleansing program, it is important to exercise, not only to increase circulation, but to the point of perspiration. The skin is the largest organ of elimination in the body, and sweating eliminates toxins. Jogging, brisk walking, cycling, and swimming are

For colon cleaning, you may take a herbal laxative, which usually uses either Cascara Sagrada or Senna Leaf as the active ingredient. Also, herbal fiber products using Psyllium seed and husk are bulking agents in the colon. This assists in the cleansing of the intestinal walls. Psyllium supplements are mixed in water or juice, and taken two times daily for one to two weeks.

Dandelion, Celandine (Chelidonium), and Milk Thistle are what we call liver "drainage" remedies. Because the liver organ is so intimately involved in detoxification of the body, it is usually beneficial to do a liver cleanse. Use an herbal combination, 20 to 40 drops of the extract or 1 cup of tea, two to three times daily, for two to three weeks. This is most effective after you have taken the Echinacea-Goldenseal combination for one to two weeks.



Along with general cleansing, if you have a problem with acne or oil skin, you should continue the Echinacea-Goldenseal combination for one to two months. In addition, add Red Clover extract, 20 to 40 drops two times daily. This will significantly improve the condition of the skin. If you want to lose weight, add a "lipotropic" formula. This is a nutritional supplement containing Choline, Inositol, and Methionine. They tend to improve fat digestion, and favor lean body factors in the body.

In the summary, your diet and exercise are the foundation of detoxification. By blood cleaning, colon cleansing, and liver cleansing with herbs, you are treating the internal organs as well.

Try this approach, and you be the judge as to its effectiveness. Your skin, body weight, energy level, and ability to be clear thinking should all improve with a successful regimen.

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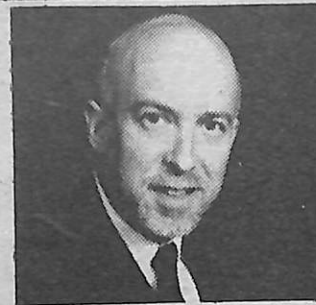


all good forms of exercise for this program.

Herbal medicine is quite useful. **The blood cleansers Echinacea, Goldenseal, Red Clover, and Burdock can assist internally in detoxifying.** Use an Echinacea-Goldenseal combination either as a liquid extract or as a tea for optimal assimilation. Take 20 to 40 drops of the extract, or 1 cup of tea, two to three times daily for two weeks.

MANAGING YOUR STRESS

by Dr. Stephen Sobel
M.S., S.M.C.



DEAR DR. SOBEL: I am happy with most aspects of my life except that I am tired most of the time and I hate to feel this way! I am constantly unable to fall asleep, and when I do, I only sleep for two hours, and wake up at 1:00 a.m., almost on the dot every night!

Your columns are very good, but I have not seen one on sleep problems lately. Any advice would be helpful!

Thank you,

"Tired and Weary," Agawam

COMMENT: Sleep disorders seem to be increasing from my observations. Many disorders stem from people's inability to place a high priority on a good night's sleep; this means being committed to learning perhaps new strategies to help insure a good night's sleep. I have seen many of my individual clients make substantial progress by becoming familiar with certain relaxation exercises that help "turn off"/put into perspective the stresses of the day which often interfere with attempts at sleep.

I recommend you explore how these relaxation techniques can help you, based on what you are saying. I also recommend that you go to sleep at the same time each night and set-up a sensible "ritual" a half-hour before wishing to fall asleep.

I will send you and any other readers free of charge information on my sleep program called "Sound Sleep" which has helped many! Write to: Dr. Sobel, c/o The New England Institute For Stress Management, 425 Union Street, West Springfield, MA, 01089, or call 785-1259 to schedule an appointment.

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STRESS CHECK: (A special service to AAN readers). Please join us for my upcoming seminar, "The Real Power of Laughter, Humor, and Daily Positive Attitude," on Tuesday, January 22nd, Friday, January 25th, or Tuesday, January 29th, at the West Springfield Sheraton, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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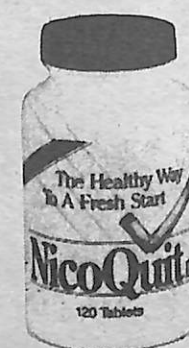
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This Week At THE MOVIES

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

—The Russia House

Too long, and too long-winded. *The Russia House* (as in John Le Carre's fascinating book) came tumbling down when it came on screen, despite an entertaining characterization by Sean Connery of the publisher/spy(?) called affectionately by the name of 'Barley.'

Michelle Pfeiffer co-stars as the Russian emissary, the contact between publisher and a mysterious writer (Klaus Maria Brandauer) with Soviet secrets to tell. Roy Scheider is one of many secret agents from several countries who want to know just what those secrets are.

The story unfolds in complex, unending conversational intricacies, all of which serve only to confuse, and ultimately bore, the viewer.

It's a shame that a book so carefully scribed, actors with so much collective talent, and settings so wonderfully rare to see could be assembled into such a completely apathetical film.

'Nuff said....

—Not Without My Daughter

Not Without My Daughter is not for everyone, and it's timing (of release) is a bit too calculated politically for my taste. But this unique Sally Field film is not to be missed.

Field plays the wife of an Iranian doctor, "Moody" (short for Mahmoody), who has lived in the USA for 20 years, including his years of study and internship. He's faced with racial prejudice from Anglo-Saxon physicians and longs to visit his family in Iran; family he has not seen in 10 years.

Field is justifiably frightened of making such a trip with their young daughter Mahtob, but caves in and goes anyway.

The balance of the film, well over three-quarters of it, takes the viewer into Islamic life, immersing each one of us in a culture literally and figuratively a world apart from what we as Americans consider the norm.

It's a patriarchal society of strict beliefs, and Moody's family quickly bends him to their way of thinking—a way that keeps him in Iran.

As the story unfolds, Field learns that women in Iran have no rights, not even to their children.

And in the two-year time frame of this based-on-fact tale, she weathers incredible amounts of brutality, sexism, and hatred before making the connections that will ultimately bring her back to the freedom she was born and raised in.

Given the current crisis in the Middle East and years of following the political and religious mayhem under the reigns of the Shah of Iran and the Ayatollah, this



TOM HANKS as the stockbroker and BRUCE WILLIS as the menacing reporter in "The Bonfire of the Vanities," now playing at Showcase Cinemas.

view if Iran could justifiably be called a propagandist effort to arouse anti-Iranian sentiment, and many people will view it as such. It is a frightening film, politically. And speaking for myself—as a feminist, mother, grandmother and as a woman—it shows a terrifying loss of rights and freedoms.

It is, however, an equally absorbing view of another culture; it offers glimpses of a world most of us will never really see first-hand. It captures the rigors of the Islamic faith; the poverty its people endure; and the values they choose to espouse religiously, socially, and politically.

Not Without My Daughter scared me to death with its portrayal of human values—and the lack thereof.

Women, as wives and mothers, are second-class citizens; sons are raised to be soldiers and masters of their world, and daughters are raised to be second-class citizens of the future.

As Field kidnaps her daughter and races through the desert and mountains to the U.S. embassy in Turkey, the audience races breathlessly beside her, with her in her flight to freedom.

The audience, predominantly over-25, that packed the theater this preview night, was solemn and serious. *Not Without My Daughter* is a solemn and serious film.

Despite any charges of propaganda, the film is a

good one, succeeding in its mission of telling a story so compelling that viewers could literally hear a pin drop. And that doesn't happen often.

—The Bonfire of the Vanities

The Bonfire of the Vanities went up in smoke right before the viewers' eyes...

This horrendous telling of Tom Wolfe's bestseller is (to begin with) dreadfully miscast, with a boyish Tom Hanks playing the wall-street tycoon Sherman McCoy, whose multi-million dollar world comes tumbling down when he's charged with a hit-and-run accident that puts a ghetto youth in a coma.

Melanie Griffith is his airhead girlfriend Maria, a sexy married lady with no conscience, no ethics, and no brains. Airhead is the operative word, and her performance as the sexy dumb blonde is an insult to the viewing public. Marilyn Monroe might have pulled this off; Griffith never had the chance.

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Pharmacy FACTS

by George R. Atkins, R.Ph.



A PRESCRIPTION FOR HELPING CHILDREN

It may surprise some people to learn that some 13 million children and teenagers have some form of medication prescribed during any given two-week period. However, it is alarming to realize that nearly half this number are either administered the medications incorrectly, or fail to take it at all. According to the non-profit National Council on Patient Information and Education, the problem lies with a failure in communication between doctors, parents and children. Specifically, doctors are blamed for failing to counsel parents properly. Parents often do not understand their children's illnesses and/or treatments well enough to follow instructions. The solution lies with parents taking greater responsibility.

HINT: Parents should be aware of what their children's medications are, their possible adverse reactions, and what to do about missed doses.

If you have any questions on the instructions for taking your medications feel free to ask our pharmacist at **SMITH DRUGS, 839 Suffield Street, 789-0811**. Fax service, film, developing with double prints, cosmetics and greeting cards are handled. Watch our column in the upcoming weeks for many different topics on health and medications. Open: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday thru Saturday; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday.

Let's Talk Travel

by Julie Mercadante
CTC



Arrive Feeling Alive...

Sitting on a plane for an hour or longer can cause swollen feet, backaches, muscle tension, or a feeling of fatigue during the flight—or later as jet lag. The following are hints to help you step off the plane in better shape.

First, you should travel in comfortable clothes, loosen your belt, tie and collar, and untie or remove your shoes once seated. Avoid crossing your legs as it impedes circulation, stroll down the aisle from time to time and do a simple exercise routine during the flight.

Starting below the knee, move your feet up and down every few minutes to aid circulation. Stretch your legs out as straight as possible while contracting your thigh muscles.

To avoid swollen hands, move your arms up and down while closing and opening your hands. Breathe deeply to increase air circulation and alternate between contracting and relaxing stomach muscles to aid digestion. There are more strenuous exercises you can do, but I wouldn't recommend to you anything that I wouldn't do. I'm afraid that if I pretended I was rowing a boat in my seat, they'd have people with white coats and a straight jacket waiting for me at my destination.

In addition to exercise programs, airlines say drinking a lot of mineral water and cutting down on alcohol consumption and smoking (when permitted on long distance flights) will help passengers arrive feeling more fit and energetic.

JOTS FROM JULIE:

Remember my pet frog? Well, he disappeared from my window sill. I figured he made a giant leap to a more deluxe home, but alas, I found him—he CROAK-ED!!!...

Fort Myers has recently been named the number one retirement city in the USA... I drove to the East Coast to meet friends and usher in the New Year. While there I decided to go to the beach to watch the sunset. I guess my head was screwed on wrong cause as I sat facing the ocean, the sun was setting in the West—as it usually does—on my back!! When on the east coast I'll have to get up early to watch the sunrise and watch the sunsets on the west coast. What a putz I am...

Someone asked how I was doing and I replied, "I'm doing good." The reply was "Don't let that stop you!" And that's my New Year's Resolution. Good, Better, Best, never let it rest, 'til your Good is Better and your Better's Best!

HAPPY NEW YEAR, Y'ALL

Agawam Repertory Seeks Members

Agawam Repertory Theatre (A.R.T.) has announced a night to get acquainted with community theater and the inner workings. If you have wanted to join a group, whether you're interested in acting or not, this would be a night to attend.

On Wednesday, January 23rd, at 7:00 p.m., at the Agawam Public Library, members of A.R.T. will introduce you to various aspects of community theater. You may join for \$10 on this special orientation night. For further information, call Cil Long, 562-3710.

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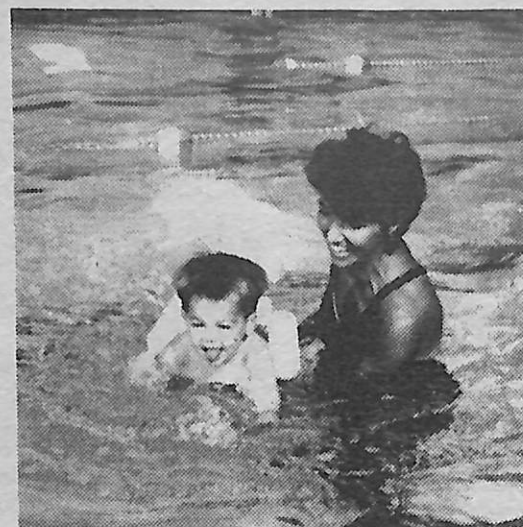
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Thursday	January 17th - 9:30 A.M.	Toddler Swim & Gym 4 Yrs. - 5 Yrs.

Classes

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"THE BONFIRE OF THE VANITIES" stars Tom Hanks, Melanie Griffith, and Bruce Willis as the reporter.

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Bruce Willis is the alcoholic reporter Peter Fallow who breaks the story and ultimately capitalizes on everyone else's tragedy by writing a Pulitzer Prize-winning book on the whole affair.

It should have been funny. It should have been wryly amusing. It should have been an intelligent send-up of life in the fast lane.

Instead, it borrowed too much from too many old films, and offered nothing funny, new, or intelligent to tantalize or entertain.

The Bonfire of the Vanities seems little more than a vain attempt by filmmakers to capitalize on a successful book. Smart viewers will buy the book, and stay home to read it.

—Kindergarten Cop

Arnold Schwarzenegger brings his muscle-bound humor to the screen in *Kindergarten Cop*, a movie from which I expected the worst. I was pleasantly surprised.

It seems the wife and kindergarten-aged son of a drug-dealer has disappeared, and it's up to Arnie to find them, protect them, and bring the wife back to testify.

Nothing goes as planned, however, and the film packs a few surprises (some telegraphed, but who cares when it's done so entertainingly).

Arnie's partner gets the flu, and our muscle-bound hero goes into school in her place, and the kids really have to look "up" to him.

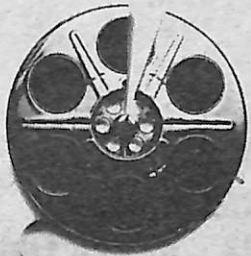
Arnie's attempts at nursing his partner, and his forays into child-related issues of discipline and education (kindergarten-style), are enjoyable.

There's a little bit of romance, a little bit of cops-and-robbers, a little bit of adult humor, and a lot of kidstuff. Most of all, *Kindergarten Cop* is entertaining enough to make you laugh, and that counts for a lot. It's no *Home Alone*, but it's not a bad choice for a rainy afternoon.

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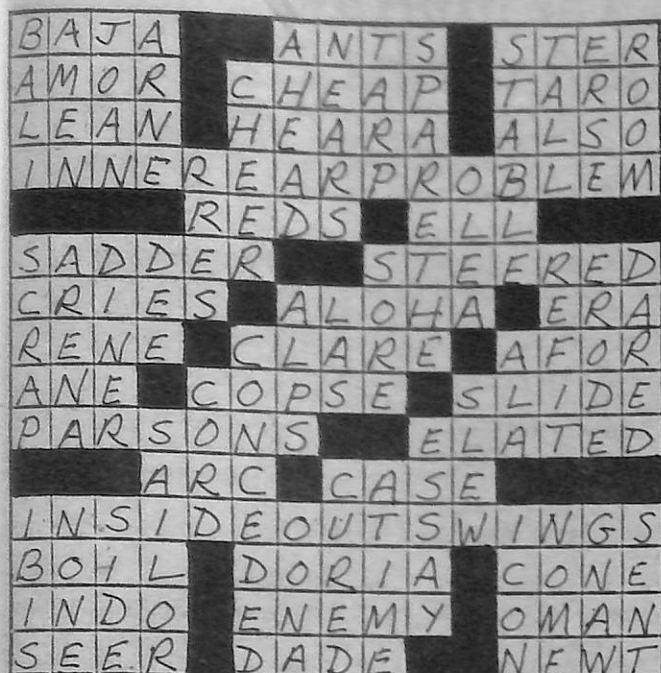
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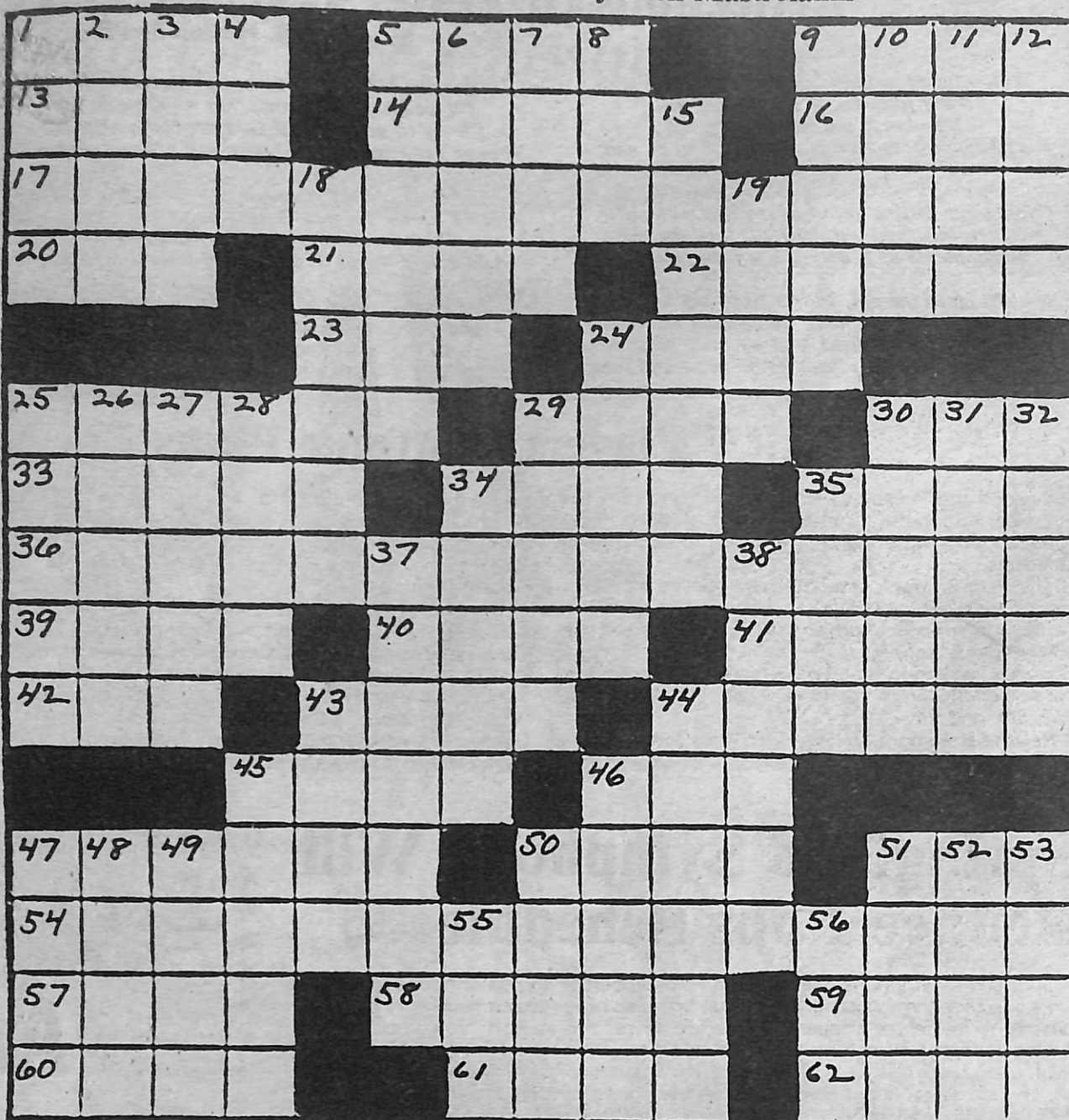
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MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



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Agawam Poet Agnes R. Neylon Smith...

Reflections Of Yester Year, Dreams Of The Morrow

by Agnes R. Neylon Smith

*With a bit of sadness, and the trace of a tear,
I'll bid farewell, to the passing year;
It's always sad to lose a friend,
And those happy times, that come to an end;*

*It's very hard losing days in your life,
But good, letting go, of days filled with strife;
When this tired old year fades into the past,
Its moments of beauty, I'll try, to hold fast;*

*I'll leave the old, with hope in my heart,
That the New Year holds all its best, to impart;
I'll remember all the good, and try to right all wrong,
And record all life's beauties, in verse and song;*

*I'll forgive all who hurt me, put regrets in the past,
I'll let go of my faults, that hold me so fast;
I'll try to accept what God predestines for me,
Though my mind cannot know, nor my eyes cannot see;*

*Change is hard, because with it, comes fear,
And we know not what awaits us, in the coming year;
I'll leave behind, things of trivial worth,
And create things of beauty, to enhance the Earth;*

*I'll muster the might to face a year that's new,
And tread righteous highways, in all that I do;
All the tasks undone, and still unknown,
I'll try to assist wherever I roam;*

*I'll help the wanderer, I meet on the road,
I'll offer my friendship, and lighten his load;
I'll break my bread, and give him a part,
And speak words of encouragement, to uplift his heart;*

*I resolve to make this the very best year,
And I offer my gift, to bring the world cheer;
If the love of all people, all over this Earth,
United in peace, for a world of great worth;*

*This would be the most wonderful gift we could give,
Making certain all mankind, can peacefully live.*

Exit 7 Players Continue Plans For Next Production

Monday and Tuesday, December 17th and 18th, saw a number of hopeful thespians vying for parts in Exit 7's upcoming presentation, "An Evening of Original One Acts."

These are original, never before produced plays written by hopeful playwrights. These past two years, the group of playreaders had advertised and received over 100 original scripts from the United States and Canada. The group read and reread these scripts and chose the following three to be presented February 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 9th.

Relative Behavior, comedy written by Joseph Coyne of Nyack, New York. It will be directed by Dick Hamel,

his fledgling try at directing. You may have seen Dick trip the light fantastic and warble a few tunes and even do some emoting on our stage these past five or six years as he has played many roles in many of our presentations.

Magic Flowers, also a comedy, by Bill Sterritt of California, will be directed by a newcomer to Exit 7, Carol Hayes of Sturbridge. Carol has been in community theater since 1974 studying at the North Hill Theater Conservatory and N.E. Repertory Theater in Worcester and directed "Run For Your Life" for Gateway Players of Southbridge and appeared in "Off-stage Choices" in Worcester.

A Moment In Time, a romance, written by Charles Bland and Jan Higbee of Kansas. Jon Herrick will assume the directorial duties with this one act. Jon, an Exit 7 regular, has produced, directed, and appeared in many of our past presentations.

So theater goers, call for your tickets now, Pam Hebert, 781-0266.

Join us, the cast, crew, playwrights (who are hoping to be here) and enjoy a two-year endeavor.

Hope to see all of you here at the Chestnut Street Theater, Ludlow, Friday and Saturday, February 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 9th, at 8:00 p.m.

Springfield Symphony Will Reduce Pops Schedule

Springfield Symphony Executive Director Robert Stiles has announced that the weakened economy and significant funding cuts have made it necessary for the orchestra to revise the frequency of performances this season, as well as the continued paring of other administrative and programming expenses. "After careful evaluation," said Stiles, "we are making reductions in our programming, one of which includes condensing our two double pops programs in February and April, 1991, to Saturdays only." This will mean the elimination of the Sunday, February 24th, Doc Severinsen concert and the Sunday, April 21st, Dance Pops concert.

"The Springfield Symphony has been particularly hard hit by a severe cut in state government funding and normal corporate sponsor support this season," said Stiles. "These facts along with the decrease in disposable income for families have caused us to take immediate steps to maintain fiscal responsibility. Our first priority now is to preserve the integrity and quality of our concert presentations and yet positively affect our bottom line. After careful analysis, that means we will need to streamline the quantity of our offerings."

Last season the Symphony was able to make significant adjustments in administrative areas and preserve both the number of performances and the programming. "This season," said Robert Stiles, "I regret that the gravity of the challenges within the marketplace have forced us to make serious decisions in the shortrun which we hope we can help provide the necessary insurance for future programs." During this past one and a half years the state has cut funding to the SSO from \$210,000 to \$41,000, and corporate support has dropped in excess of \$50,000 this season alone.

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Easter Seals Kids To Be "Valentine's"

Valentine cards that deliver two ice cream cones, plus a \$1 donation to Easter Seals, are being sent all over Massachusetts this month. They're available for \$1 at Friendly Restaurants January 12th through February 14th.

In addition to a Valentine message, the adult and children's cards contain a certificate for two free single dip ice cream cones. The coupons are redeemable at 180 Friendly Restaurants February 14th-18th. Three other coupons worth \$2.50 are included in the Valentine card, redeemable at Friendly's at various times during February and March.

The \$1 purchase price of the Valentine card goes straight to Easter Seals to fund services for people with

disabilities.

This is the 10th year of Friendly's "Cones for Kids" program. It's the first time the coupons have been offered as a two-way Valentine treat, in a choice of adult or children's cards.

Last year's "Cones for Kids" contributed \$88,000 to Easter Seal services for Massachusetts adults and children with disabilities. Services include physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy, equipment loan, summer camp, therapeutic swim programs, home health care, independence through technology, and information and referral.

Jr. High Band Parents Slate Benefit Auction Jan. 21st

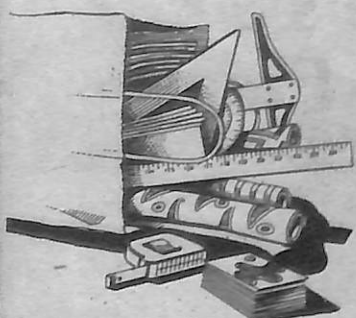
The Agawam Junior High School Band Parents Organization is sponsoring a benefit auction on Monday, January 21st, at Sacred Heart Church, Agawam (5:00 p.m. preview, 6:00 p.m. auction). Douglas Bilodeau from Douglas Galleries in South Deerfield will be the auctioneer.

Donations are still being accepted for the auction. If you would like to donate new or used items, gift certificates, or services to this fundraiser, contact Tammy Watson at Agawam Junior High School, 789-1400, extension 460.

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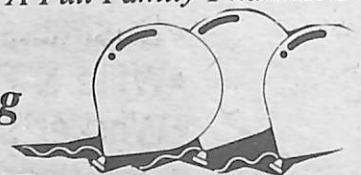


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Anti-Alcohol Message At Agawam High

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Kate Wiseman came to Agawam High School in December to speak with senior classes on "Children of Alcoholics." The discussion was part of a monthly health series sponsored, in part, by the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs and Alcohol.

Ms. Wiseman, a Spanish teacher at Longmeadow High School is involved with their SAP (Student Assistance Program). AHS Home/School Adjustment Councilor Joanne Bertrand said, "In Longmeadow the SAP is more formal (than at AHS), there is someone there all the time."

Ms. Wiseman said that she was committed to dealing with substance abuse. She told students that chronic illness, financial problems, and mental illness could create the same symptoms of dysfunction in the family that stem from alcohol or other substance abuse.

She said, "We have to look at what we view as an alcoholic family; it looks good from the outside, but at some level, alcohol is causing problems from the functioning of that family."

The facts that "Seventy percent of all divorces are attributed to alcohol or other substance abuse," and that "only about five percent of alcoholics in this country are not functioning (about 95 percent are functioning)" were related to students.

Ms. Wiseman noted, "Alcoholism has a large genetic factor involved. People are born alcoholic; it's biochemistry, but until they drink or use a substance, they don't really start the process."

"If you can hold off using (alcohol or other substances) until 20 or 21 years-old, you're not going to mess up the process of growing," she said.

Students listened intently as Ms. Wiseman told them, "Alcoholics are masters of projection; they project all their own insecurities, fear, and anger on everyone else. Underneath all the projection and images, there is a person, you."

She explained her way to differentiate two kinds of alcoholism by saying, "I call the hard and fast a Type A. It hits fast and it is severe. Then there is what I refer to as the Creeping Type that is slower and progressive. Everyone in the family has to keep adjusting to feel like they're in control of their lives."

Ms. Wiseman explained that if children can't trust what their parents say, they may lose feelings in denial. "You begin not to feel because your parents tell you, 'you don't feel that way.' The alcoholic is denying that there is a problem. The alcoholic cannot relate to realities. In a dysfunctional family kids bounce and

become hyperactive. They don't trust, talk, or feel. They just deny," Ms. Wiseman said.

She also talked about kids developing coping methods. "Perhaps mom is the person in control, the enabler, who is very angry, full of self-pity, and always on edge. Then there are four different roles kids develop."

"There is the 'hero' with pressure to be perfect to prove to the family and everyone there is nothing wrong. This kid is very intense and never has any fun. Many kids in this role commit suicide," said Ms. Wiseman.

She discussed the "scapegoat" or "sacrificial lamb" that was like a pressure valve to release all the hostility. "He (she) is the focus of negative attention and may drop out of school or become a substance abuser. Then there is the 'class clown' or 'the mascot' which draws attention but is in trouble because they're in denial and totally immature."

Also, there is the "lost child" who is alone and who creates no family problems and doesn't want to be seen. This child will be diagnosed clinically depressed," she said.

She added, "Not one of these kids are in balance. The identifiable person is usually the spouse of an alcoholic. They are the ones in denial and can't cope with it anymore, so they lose it. They will usually commit to help first."

Ms. Wiseman told students, "If you grow up in an alcoholic home, you don't get what you need inside; but you don't have to sacrifice yourself. You can get help to learn how to like yourself from places like Al-Anon or Al-Ateen."

"There is no shame. It is a disease that inflicts deep emotional pain. You can get the feelings you never got as a kid and take care of yourself. Give yourself what you need. Talk to your guidance councilors," she said.

"Recovery gives back 'me.' Some kids never had that when they were growing up with alcoholics. It is a process of growth. Tell yourself: I have choices. An alcoholic may not have had any choices," she concluded.

Students viewed a film entitled "All Bottled Up" that also helped describe some hostilities and anger when feeling unloved in a family that argued often because of alcoholism. The narrator told the audience that "kids should live their own life and be happy doing the things they like doing. Be an individual and learn to like yourself."



KATE WISEMAN visited to Agawam High to present on program on "Children Of Alcoholics." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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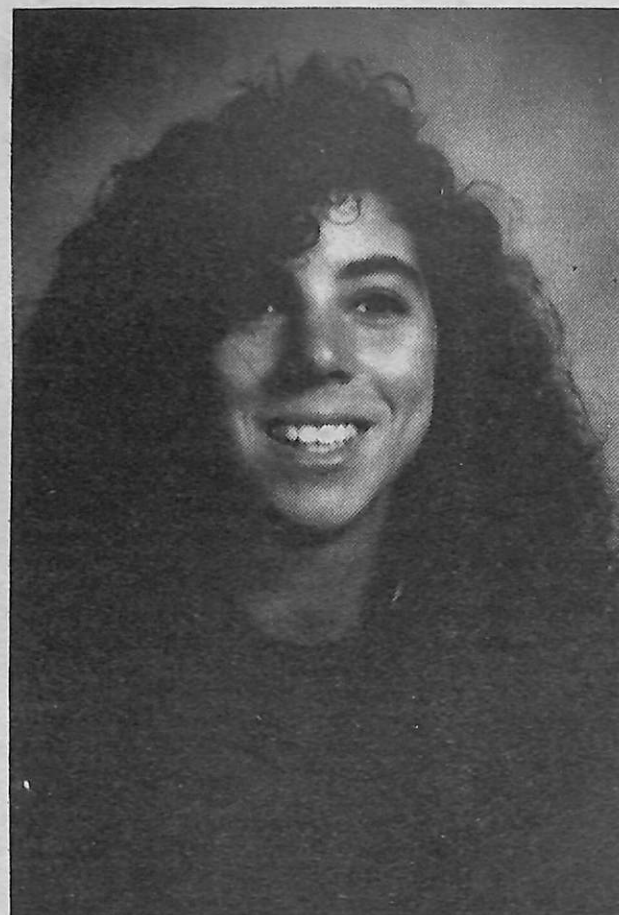
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AHS Band Parents Collect For Bottle Drive



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Band Parents members, from left - Ronald Lalancette, Karla Tyrell, Wayne Bodnak, Pam Desilets, and Virginia White collected bottles and cans as a fundraiser on Saturday, January 5th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



GINA M. BUONICONTI

Gina M. Buoniconti Completes Master's

Gina Marie Buoniconti, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Buoniconti of 13 Holland Drive, Agawam, has recently completed the master's program in marriage and family therapy at Springfield College. Throughout the program, she maintained a 4.0 grade point average, and she received a certificate of advanced study as well.

Presently, Gina is serving on the board of directors of the Massachusetts Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, and is employed as a fee for service clinician at an area mental health clinic. She has also been the assistant director at the counseling center at Springfield College for the past three months, and has recently accepted a clinical position in Connecticut.

Gina is an alumni of the Ethel Walker School in Simsbury, Connecticut, and a graduate of the University of Vermont, where she completed her undergraduate work and obtained Dean's List.

Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

Monday, January 14th: Grilled cheese sandwich, seasoned mixed vegetables, pickle chips, blackberry crisp, milk.

Tuesday, January 15th: Oven baked chicken nuggets, honey and mayonnaise, steamed rice, carrot coins, bread and butter, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Wednesday, January 16th: Rotini macaroni with spaghetti sauce, seasoned broccoli cuts, Italian bread and butter, jello with topping or

fruit cup, milk.

Thursday, January 17th: Hamburg in roll, steamed rice, cheese fingers, seasoned green beans, mustard, relish, ketchup, orange blossom cake or fruit cup, milk.

Friday, January 18th: Clam chowder, ½ tuna salad sandwich, ½ fluffernutter, tossed salad with dressing, vanilla pudding or fruit cup, milk.

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Girls' Softball Nixed At Jr. High

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

After meeting with obstacles at every turn for an interscholastic girls' softball team this spring, Agawam Public Schools have opted to field intramural sports at the Junior High School. The spring intramurals will be made available to all students in grades seven through nine for a six-week program beginning around the first of April, according to Agawam Junior High Principal Thomas O'Keefe.

And per a requirement issued by Massachusetts Department of Education Director Ann Byrd Schumer (in a letter dated January 2nd), the single boys' freshman baseball team fielded at the Junior High must allow eighth grade girls to try out for the team under a Chapter 622 regulation.

The state recommended that "clearly defined criteria be established as how the eighth grade baseball team selections are made." In recent years past, the baseball team has been a boys' squad.

O'Keefe said that the possibility of a coed baseball team this spring would require a 24-hour notice to competing teams under Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association rules. He said, "Ninth grade girls are not eligible for these tryouts because they can try out for junior varsity and varsity softball at the high school."

Following an athletic survey (per DOE instruction) taken at the Junior High, sign-ups for a girls' ninth grade softball team were held earlier this year. There were initially over 45 girls interested, but after a

meeting with physical education instructors and O'Keefe to explain all their options, the number of participants dropped to less than half that original number, said O'Keefe.

O'Keefe said, "We explained Rule 19: any youngster participating at junior high or high school level that plays a game on a certain day cannot do the same for another team that day (per MIAA)."

The Sacred Heart Church league, which also begins about April 1st, means 11-13 girls had to make a choice between both sign-ups.

O'Keefe told the students that AHS Athletic Director Clifford Kibbe had a meeting December 6th with 42 school districts of athletic directors represented. "He made a plea for a schedule for Agawam," said O'Keefe. "He only received one positive response from Amherst-Pelham Regional Schools. This would create a two-game schedule for Agawam," he added.

"When the girls became more enlightened about their choices or chances, 10 (more) girls said they would rather try-out for junior varsity (at the high school). It boiled down to about 21 girls (left)," said O'Keefe.

This month Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno noted, "It would seem futile to go forward with a two-game schedule. This would not provide a meaningful experience for the girls."

According to O'Keefe, upwards of 40 percent of students at Agawam Middle School participate in that intramural program. He said, "Our goal is to provide a

program that will encompass the largest amount of kids. It looks like that would be an intramural program right now."

The State DOE seems to concur, since it did not require Agawam to field a girls' softball team this spring.

Plans for a six-week intramural program at the Junior High include a late bus being provided for the one-hour afterschool sports. O'Keefe said he is also considering the possibility of spring soccer along with softball activities.

Bruno said, "Kibbe has already put in his (1991-92) budget, which is an exactly comparable schedule for girls as well as boys for four teams (at the high school)."

This would include junior varsity and varsity girls' field hockey, soccer, basketball, and softball. Freshman girls' teams will still be dependent upon two factors: the number of ninth grade girls who want to participate next year when the freshman class becomes part of the high school; and the availability of other ninth grade girls' teams in the Pioneer Valley area.

According to Bruno, a final determination by the United States Department of Education on Agawam's "good faith" efforts to present an equal opportunity for girls to play sports is expected sometime in February.

Agawam is one of 12 cities and towns under investigation in the Valley League Interscholastics by the federal Office of Civil Rights after a complaint was issued by a Feeding Hills resident charging violation of state and federal sex discrimination laws.

'A Twisted Trilogy' Next For Suf. Players

Suffield: Just in time for Valentine's Day, the Suffield Players' again want to startle, surprise, and twist your insides just a bit.

The second production of The Players' 38th season, "A Twisted Trilogy," is an evening of three bizarre one-act plays: "The Nightingale and Not the Lark," by Jennifer Johnston, directed by Roger A. Ochs of Suffield; "The Audition," by Kenneth Robbins, directed by Margie Secora of Southwick, Massachusetts; and the horror tale "The Monkey's Paw," by W.W. Jacobs, directed by John Howland of Stafford Springs. Cast includes seasoned performers from eight Massachusetts and Connecticut communities. Three diverse dramas, three directors, three casts, all held together by a common thread of suspense and mayhem.

The Players will select one of the three plays as the group's entry in the Associated Community Theaters of Connecticut drama festival next Spring. The Players have won the award for best production six out of 10 years.

All shows will be performed at historic Mapleton Hall, 1305 Mapleton Avenue, Suffield. Cabaret seating available. Performances run February 14th, 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd, March 1st, and 2nd. The February 23rd performance is sold out. Doors open 7:00 p.m., curtain at 8:00 p.m. sharp. Ticket reservations, call Pioneer Answering Service, (203) 627-5749. Prices \$5 opening Thursday and Friday, \$10 first Saturday including after-show gala with hors d'oeuvres and music; \$8 all other shows. Discounts: \$1 off for students, senior citizens and groups of 10 or more, one discount per ticket.

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Macey reminded students of a DARE lesson. "Remember the consequences of what you choose to do and not to do. Now is the proving grounds of the 17-week program that we went through together with DARE. If you don't do it down here, you won't do it when you get up the high school. You may be 45 years-old before you start making the right decisions if you choose the wrong way now. Everything you do is a direct result of your choice," Macey said.

Macey told students he has been "on the force for 18 years." Four years ago he began assisting former Officer Frantz with the DARE program and he became the fifth grade instructor for DARE four years ago. He taught the curriculum with the support of Officer Richard Niles last year. Niles will replace Macey as the DARE officer because Macey has taken the position of court officer recently. "DARE is a part of me; it never really leaves you," said Macey.

Macey has been training other police officers for the DARE Program in Massachusetts and has raised thousands of dollars for the project through such fundraising efforts as the State Rep. Mike Walsh Golf Tournaments each summer. He has spoken at many organizations about drug prevention education.

Last February he also became part of a townwide Adelphi Training Program to develop a community team coordinating local school, business, and home efforts at resistance education. He also began a modified DARE session in kindergarten through grade four which he taught each year as well.

Macey was chosen by the Agawam Education Association as their "Friend of Education" this year because of his continuous and enthusiastic commit-

ment to education over the years. He also works with Agawam High School Peer Leaders.

Middle School Principal Ralph Zavarella commended Macey's "genuine interest and concern for his students" and praised him by saying, "Wayne has done a fantastic job with the students here."

Junior High teacher and Non-Users advisor Gerald O'Malley largely credited Macey's DARE Program for the rapid increase in their club membership this year. He said Macey's classes have helped students feel good about standing up to say "no" to drugs.

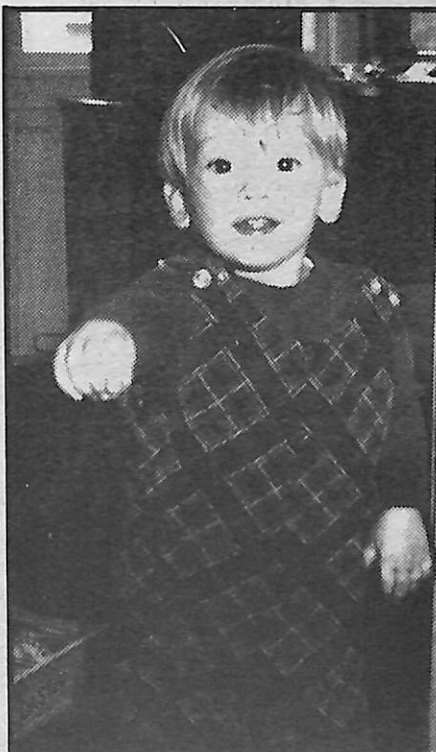
Macey has a daughter, Kim, who attends Agawam High School and he also writes a weekly feature column in *The Agawam Advertiser News* as the community's crime prevention officer. His decision to become the department's court officer comes with the retirement (this month) of Court Officer Steven Sliech, who was with the force for 32 years. Also, he had Officer Richard Niles trained to take over the DARE curriculum at Middle School as his successor.

Students in the Non-Users listened with somber faces as Macey relived the tragic loss of a beloved one that greeted him on his return from Vietnam in 1969. He reached out to each and every student from his heart as he pleaded with them to remember, "There's not a drug out there that's safe. Make some good decisions now so you won't have to live with memories like I have for the rest of your lives."

With the pride of someone who has worked hard to make a positive impression upon the growth of a young life, Macey looked at the gathered students. "Good luck. Be the examples. Go on to the high school and show them what it's all about," he said.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, who serves as Police Commissioner, said, "His name (Macey) has become synonymous with the Agawam DARE program."

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Non-Users At Jr. High Hear From MADD

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Over 100 students at the Agawam Junior High School attended a special meeting of the Non-Users Club in December to hear William Caplin of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers and DARE Officer Wayne Macey in the school gym.

Caplin is vice-chairman for the MADD state organization and chairman for both the Legislative Committees for Hampden County and the Massachusetts MADD. He said, "I'm here because I care. We (MADD) hope to make the world a better place to live."

He told students, "Alcohol is a drug; it just happens to be a legal drug for anyone over 21."

He told students about legislation that had been passed through the House and Senate in Boston (and would be enacted soon). "If a person under the age of 21 is stopped (while driving) with any blood alcohol content whatsoever, they will lose their license," Caplin said. Presently, a person can be charged with driving while drinking if tests show .05 to .09 blood alcohol content.

Caplin was explicit in relaying some horrible details of an accident that initiated the start of MADD here. He explained that on October 13th, 1985, two young people (Paul and Karen) from Blandford were hit head-on by a car on Route 20 in West Springfield. "The women driving the car that hit Paul and Karen head-on had at least seven drinks that day. Her BAC was .389; she was almost in a coma herself. Her car flipped over and she died on the scene and was revived," said Caplin.

"Five days later, Paul died. Karen is still in a coma at Baystate Medical," Caplin said. He added, "Karen had goals. She wanted to be a veterinarian. All her goals were destroyed."

After relating another drinking accident that occurred on June 22nd, 1989 on Route 57, Caplin told students, "Whenever you get into a car, wear a seatbelt. They save lives."

He said, "MADD wants you to know how dangerous it is to drink and drive. We have poster contests and a number of campaigns each year. We have the Drive for Life during the Labor Day Weekend and the Red Ribbon campaign (to tie one on to your car). One Red Ribbon changes the meaning of 'tie one on' to 'tie one on for safety.' It tells people don't get behind the wheel when you are drinking."

Caplin added, "In 1989, 23,000 people were killed on our highways from drunk driving." He related the Vietnam War death statistics of 275,000-300,000 over 11 years to casualties (50,000) of people killed on our highway from people drinking and driving.

"Last year alone, over 7,500 teens lost their lives from driving accidents with alcohol," said Caplin.

"We estimate that because of the work MADD has done, we've saved over 35,000 lives," he added.

Before leaving the students, Caplin showed a videotaped movie of a young couple, expecting their first child, who were involved in a drinking and driving accident. The mother was killed. Although the child lived to be a little girl, she experienced the pain of her father's memories from that terrible day along with him. She would never have any memory of her mother.

Caplin told students that the point of this movie was to show, "Once it happens, you can't turn the clock back."

Caplin distributed some paraphanelia and treats to students and was asked to join them in the school cafeteria for refreshments after Officer Macey's speech.



WILLIAM CAPLIN, representing MADD, spoke to the Agawam Junior High Non-Users Club in December. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AHS Boys' Swimming Stay Undefeated

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Coach Dave Smith climbed into the bus very excitedly last Thursday night and told his Agawam High swimming team that he was very, very proud of them. He noted that each swimmer who scored even ONE point had scored the point that was the difference. The Agawam team moved to a still-undefeated 3-0 with their 47-46 win over South Hadley.

Tony Leger and Rick Whitney placed first and third, respectively, in the diving competition as Agawam worked its way back from an early deficit.

Gary Jock drew high praise from Coach Smith as he continues his rapid improvement in the 200 freestyle and 100 freestyle. Smith's eyebrows also did a little dance when Jeff Lewis motored to a 57.67 leg in the 400 freestyle relay. Lewis teamed with Jock, Aaron Orsucci, and Sean McFarland to grab second place in that relay. McFarland won the 100 freestyle in a time of 56.25.

Agawam won the 200 free relay behind strong efforts from Alan Niemiec, Scott Russell, Steve Lewis, and Jeff Lewis. Russell got the gold in the 100 breaststroke (1:13.54).

Agawam now begins a couple of weeks against the "A" Division. At presstime, they were swimming against Cathedral, and they face Minnechaug (January 11th) at home.

In girls' swimming, Erica Vanderhoof won the 50-yard free (28:33) and the 100-yard breaststroke (1:21.37) for the Brownies. Meantime, Rachel White grabbed another first (1:16.95) in the diving competition. The Tigers stopped the Brownies with a 64-29 win.

Brownies Skip Out Of Purple Knights' Gym With 59-57 Thriller

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Agawam High boys' basketball coach Mike Martin was talking to a friend shortly before the game at Holyoke last Tuesday night. "We can play with anybody," said Martin. "We do a lot of good things, but we shoot so poorly. We were 16-71 in our loss against Putnam (73-48) the other night."

So the 1-5 Brownies took to the floor against the undefeated Purple Knights of Holyoke. And the kids proved Martin a prophet. They can play with anybody. Agawam withstood an 18-0 Holyoke run in the first half and skipped out of the Holyoke gym with a breathtaking 59-57 win.

Martin got what he wanted early. He saw his team firing from short range and big Brendan Gallagher (6'6" sophomore) getting involved in the offense. The Brownies shook off a 5-2 deficit and roared to a 10-5 lead. Joe Gaylor was lunchpailing again for Agawam as he made a monster rebound and a soft kiss off the window for two. Fouled on the play, he made the freebie and Agawam had gotten off to a good start.

Jermaine Thomas took matters into his own hands as the Holyoke forward began to blitz the Brownies on the baseline. He hit a high arching shot over Gallagher to get them going and three more baskets along the way as the Knights began to foil Agawam at every turn. Martin tried to stem the tide once with a timeout, but that didn't work. When Mike Pelligrino finally hit a little lone jumper at 6:13, the Knights were in command 23-10.

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MEMBERS OF THE 1990-91 Agawam High boys' varsity swim team. Back row, from left - coach Dave Smith, Anthony Leger, Steve Lewis, Scott Russell, Kevin Innarelli, Aaron Orsucci, Jeff Lewis, and Gary Jock. Front row - John Kielbasa, Jay Serriera, Richard Whitney, Allan Niemiec, Vincent Russo, Jeremy Spring, Matt Toczilo, and Andrew David. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL girls' varsity swimming team. Back row, from left - Dot Mazeika, Linda Bouchard, coach Jason Osborne, Nancy Bazanchuk, and Jen Jock. Middle row - Erin Bradley, Tegan Christy, Erica Vanderhoof, Rachael White, Sandy Angotti, and Kerry Shameklis. Front row - Tammy Leary, Brenda Borkowski, Michelle Podsiadlo, Amy Bressemer, and Jessica Crowley. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Agawam snapped out of it for a while as Mike Briggs and Jason Blackburn hit outside shots. Holyoke kept them at arm's length and the Brownies couldn't get the lead below six. At halftime, Holyoke trotted off leading 31-25.

The second half proved to be more of the same. In fact, Matt McDonough and Hector Bonilla hit the first two buckets of the half for the home team and Agawam was looking up out of a 10-point hole again.

Brett Boskiewicz hit a hard-working deuce inside for Agawam and it looked like window dressing at the time. What the folks in attendance didn't know was that the Agawam guard tandem of Pelligrino and Todd Hyland was about to give Boskiewicz a second-half feast. Working the right block like you read about, Boskiewicz handled marvelous entry passes and steamed his way to 15 second-half points.

Still, Agawam had to figure a way to stop Thomas and Bonilla who were murdering them on the offensive glass. With nearly eight minutes to play, Thomas scored, in an offensive scramble, sliced home for another pair, and hit a free throw to build the lead back to 10 at 48-38.

It was then that the Agawam Arsenal fired back at their hosts. And let me tell you, they emptied the chamber. In the 19-2 Agawam blast that followed, the scoring was spread out to many flanks. Boskiewicz, Pelligrino, Gallagher, Gaylor, and Briggs all connected at one time or another. Gallagher's little lefty hook got a nice roll at 1:44, and the Brownie fans went nuts as the lead was at seven points, 57-50.

The obligatory trot to the free throw stripe ensued and it didn't take long to get to white knuckle time. The Brownies missed three front ends of the one and one, and the Knights got within three at 59-56. Thirty-three seconds remained and Holyoke wound up with the rock.

Four Holyoke players got inside the paint and played volleyball with Gallagher and Boskiewicz, but the ball never fell. Gallagher came out of the pile with the ball high over his head and out of everyone's reach. He was fouled at the nine second mark, but he missed his free throw.

Holyoke streaked up the floor and tried to hoist a three-pointer. The Brownies smartly gave up the foul and put McDonough on the line. With just two seconds to play, he hit the first and missed the second. Holyoke's Matt Gubala got the rebound on the left baseline, but Mike Briggs denied him a shot and the Brownies had their hard-earned win.

Agawam Scout Troop 78 To Host Yukon Derby

Boy Scout Troup 78 will host the annual Yukon Derby for cub scouts from Agawam, West Springfield, Southwick, Westfield, and the hill towns on Saturday, January 26th, at the Polish American Club grounds.

The Yukon Derby is a day-long event where cub scouts from the area compete in team-oriented events such as hot stuff shuffle, where scouts have to move an object using ropes; skill events like snowball throw and the hockey shoot; and fun events like the football dribble.

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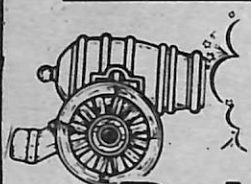
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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH VARSITY basketball team, Back row, from left - coach Mike Martin, Ken Blake, Joe Gaylor, Brendon Gallagher, Brett Boskiewicz, Mike Briggs, assistant coach Paul Scoville, assistant coach Dean Vecchiarelli. Front row - Dan Labreck, Tom Briggs, Todd Hyland, Mike Pellegrino, Jason Blackburn, Ben Ferris, and Keith Hargis. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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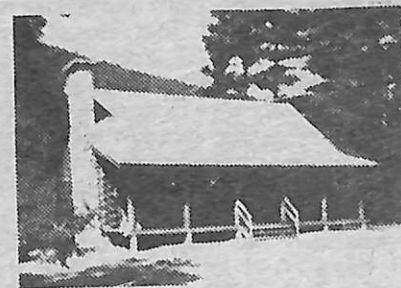
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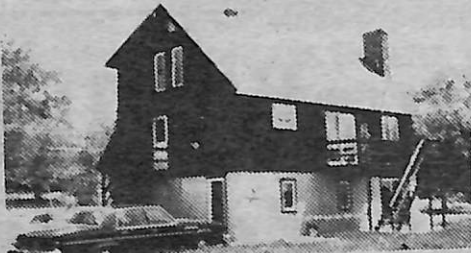
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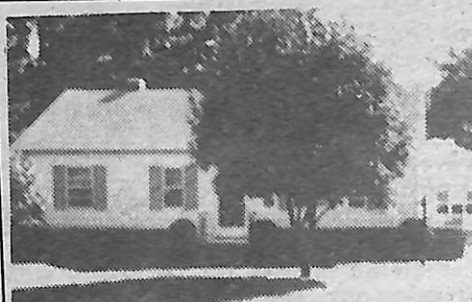
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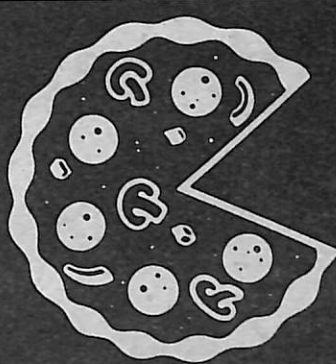
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Brownie Grapplers Handily Defeat Southwick Rams

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Agawam High finally got some competition for their wrestling team last Saturday afternoon at Agawam High. The Rams of Southwick were in town and they held the Brownies to only three pins on the afternoon. Imagine that? The Rams came to Agawam and only allowed three pins to powerful Agawam.

Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't mean to infer that Agawam had lost the meet. My point was to mention that Southwick was a quality opponent with some very capable grapplers. Agawam did win, and win handily—the final score was 52-9.

There were truly some outstanding matches along the way. There were a couple of mismatches, too. Frank DeMarinis was involved in one of those. He continued his march toward a second straight State Title by pulverizing T.J. Insera in 17 seconds! The 145-pound defending New England champion has completed his last two matches in a total of 55 seconds.

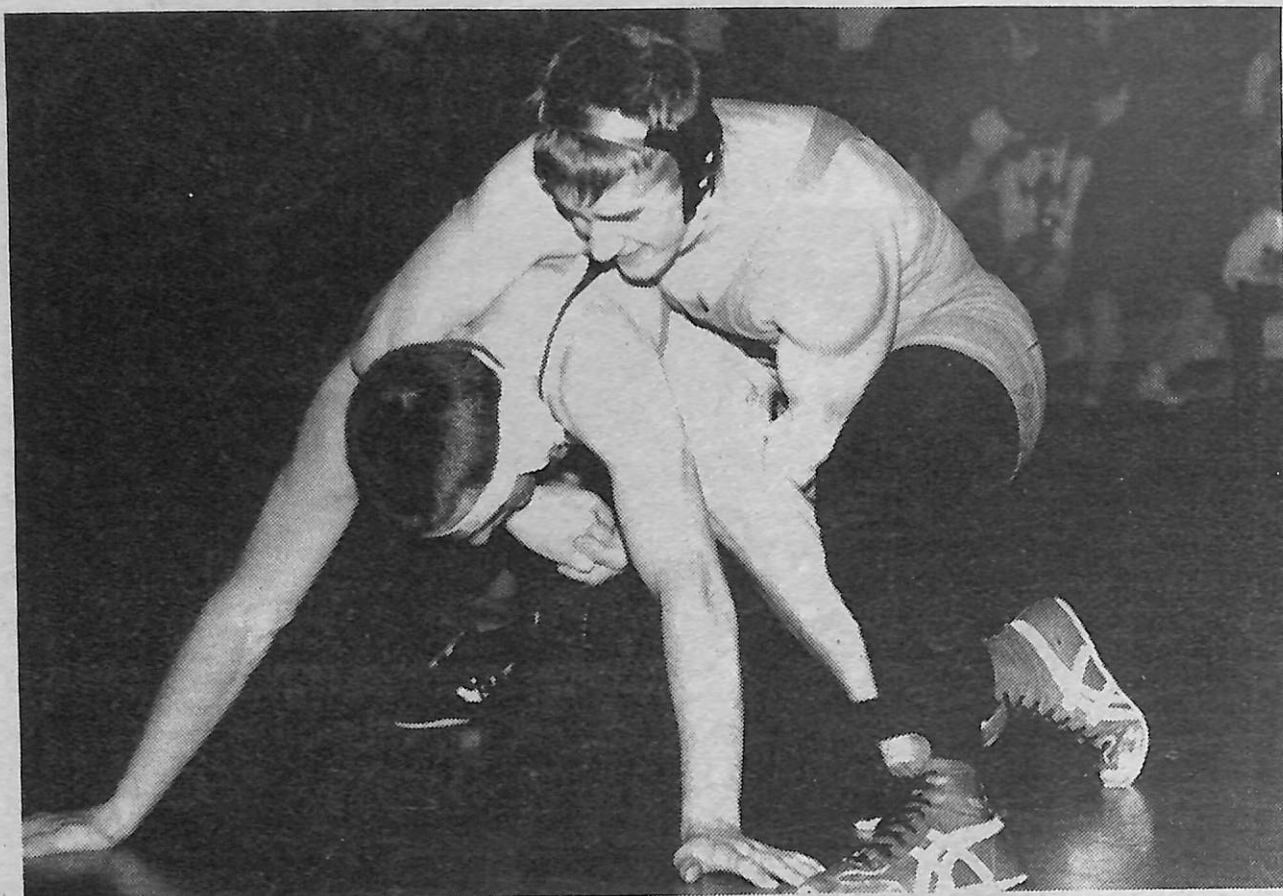
Nick Langone is not far behind. The sophomore demolition major stomped Doug Hawthorne in 1:01 at 189 pounds. Mike DaSilva continues his early season impressive work with a hard-fought win at 171 pounds as he pinned Tony Kuzmiers in 4:39. DaSilva was leading 13-6 at the time of the pin.

The only other pin on the day belonged to Southwick, and it belonged to Jason Clendenin. He out-worked Agawam's Vin Petrangelo and turned a 6-1 lead into a pin in 3:38.

The closest match on the day occurred at 135 pounds where Mike Bryant of Agawam decisioned Derek Jenks 6-5. It was a thriller. Jenks, who many believe is Southwick's best wrestler, roared back from an early Bryant takedown to grind out a second-period 3-2 lead. Those three points came from a near fall in the middle stanza. Bryant outlasted the pinning combination as he rocked from side to side and finally freed himself.

In the decisive third period, Jenks chose the top position as he went seeking another combination. Bryant turned the tables. He scored an early reversal and even earned two back points against the musclebound little Ram. Jenks scored a reversal of his own later in the period, but time ran out and Bryant had the big inspirational win for his team.

Mike Cooper (130) and Nate Wood (125) were entertaining for the crowd as each wrestler scored major decisions. Cooper roared early with a 5-0 lead, fell behind 6-5, and then worked his way to a 16-6 decision over John Derosier. Wood led from the opening gun and scored an easy 10-0 win over Jason Lemieuvy.



AGAWAM'S DAVE MCKAY works over Southwick opponent Wes Clarke in the 152-pound class for Agawam High last Saturday afternoon. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Joe Loudfoot started the engines for Agawam at 103 pounds with a 17-0 shellacking of Tim Durkin in the meet's first action. I don't know what the spread was, but Joe covered it. The bout was stopped midway in the second period. Loudfoot had five near falls!

Meanwhile at heavyweight, George Ghareeb continued along his merry way with a 6-1 conquest of rugged Tony Pitts. The Southwick heavyweight had toppled Rob Rivera of Westfield (Ghareeb's arch-rival) the previous week. Following the pin of Rivera, Pitts pointed into the crowd at Ghareeb and motioned that George was next. It was a solid effort for Ghareeb, who showed much more stamina in the third period than he had in previous matches. This might be credited to his recent joining of the Agawam High jogging club.

Dana Almquist may have to get out the Rustoleum before he wrestles again. For the third time this season, the 112-pound Christmas tournament champion has had to win by forfeit.

Shawn Rising also won by forfeit at 119 pounds, but he did wrestle an exhibition match against Bret Gomez. Gomez, unable to make weight for the meet, fought

gamely against the sophomore Rising. Shawn scored a third-period reversal to break a scoreless deadlock and win the match 2-0.

Dave McKay nearly scored a first-period pin against Wes Clarke, but was unable to hold him square. The first-year varsity performer at 152 pounds went on to win by a 9-3 score.

The only other Southwick win on the evening was scored by Mark Benham at 160 pounds. He decisioned Chad Saliba of Agawam 3-0. Benham led 1-0 after two periods, and Saliba seemed to have the advantage. The Agawam wrestler could have won the match with a reversal (starting in the down position) or tied it with an escape. Instead, Benham turned him and scored two points for a near fall.

This weekend, Agawam will travel to Chelmsford for the Commonwealth Cup. The top eight teams from the State will compete in the tournament. Agawam head coach Phil Tomkiel figures that this meet will give Agawam an idea of how they will fare in the upcoming State Tournament.

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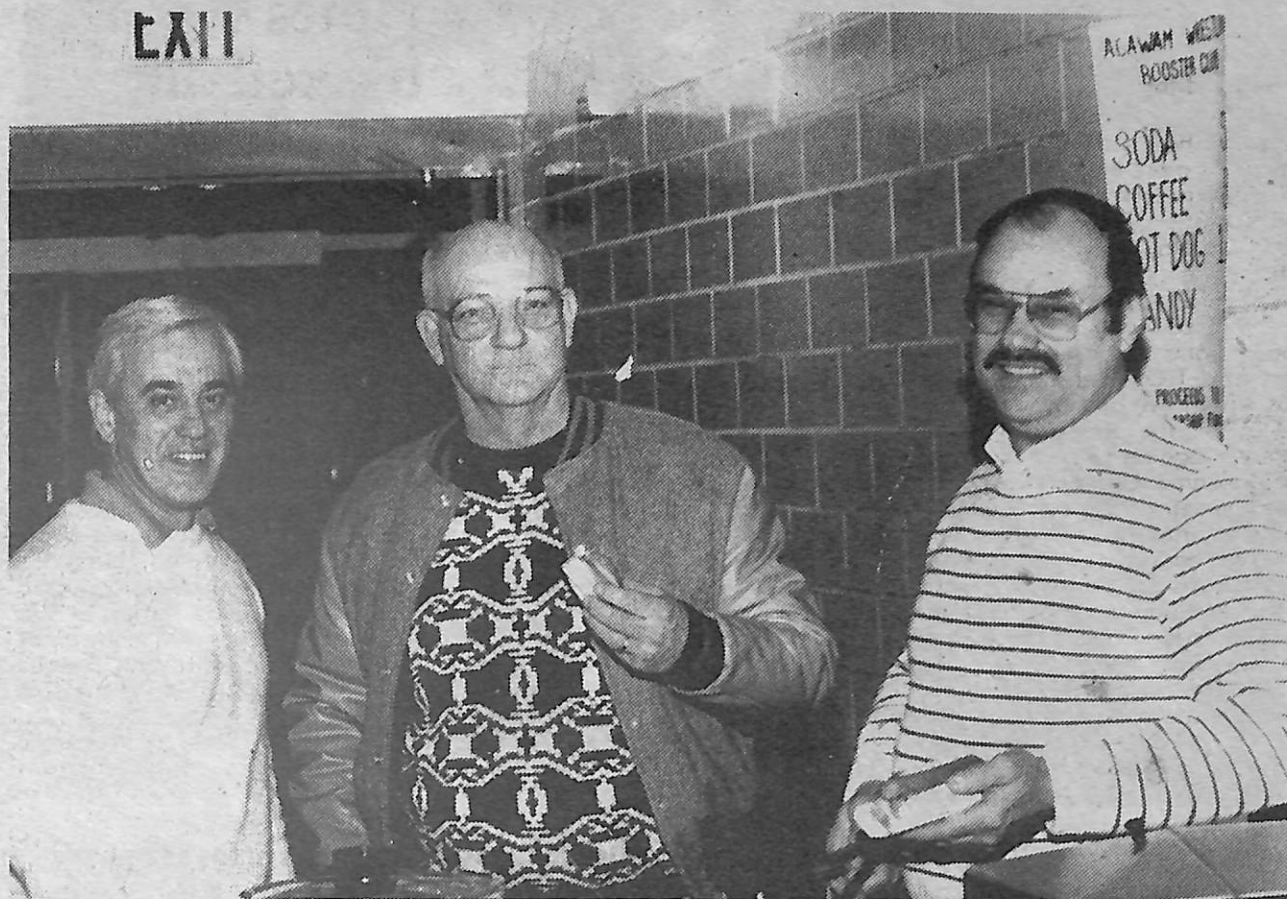
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AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL wrestling boosters, from left - Sonney Tetreault, Ed Judkins, and Ron Wieners enjoy their hot dogs at last Saturday's meeting vs. Southwick at AHS. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Good Match"...



AGAWAM'S FRANK DEMARINIS shakes the hand of his Southwick opponent after their match last Saturday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Hockey Gets 1st Berry Division Win

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High hockey team broke into the Berry Division win column for the first time Tuesday night by lapping Minnechaug 8-4 at the Coliseum in West Springfield.

Trailing 1-0 midway in the first period, the Brownies began to rev their offensive motor. Defenseman Dave Piacentini tied the game at 1-1, and Ben Benton and Jeff Perrault scored later in the frame to give the Brownies a 3-1 lead at the break.

John Liquori built the lead to a three-goal margin early in the second, but the Falcons came right back with a pair of markers to trim the lead to 4-3. Locked in a tight battle, Benton again scored a big goal and

Craig Waryasz followed that up with one of his own, and the Brownies again had their three-goal advantage, 6-3. Minnechaug rapped home another to end the second period with Agawam leading it 6-4.

Agawam goalkeeper Mike Montessi made stops on two Falcon breakaways early in the third to keep the lead at two, and Perrault scored a couple of late markers to get himself a hat trick. Montessi stopped 28 shots in the Brownie nets while Scott Smith faced 35 in the Falcon cage. He made 27 saves.

Earlier in the week, Agawam faced the league's toughest foe, Cathedral High, and were shut out 9-0. Early in the contest, Benton and Liquori missed breakaways and coach Mike LaZazzera felt that it

changed the complexion of the game.

The Panthers scored two power play goals, two short-handed goals, and scored one goal at the end of both the first and second periods (last 15 seconds). LaZazzera feels that his team can play with Cathedral and felt that his squad made six big mistakes in the game. Mike Montessi made 35 saves in two periods of hockey; Jason Rocca relieved Montessi in the third and stopped 12 shots.

Agawam travels to Amherst on Friday, January 11th. They return to the Coliseum January 16th to face Westfield in a contest scheduled for 6:45 p.m.

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AHS Girls Win 5th Straight In Hoop

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High School girls' basketball team gained a measure of revenge last Thursday night on their home hardwood as they throttled the Lady Terriers of West Springfield 54-45. The victory avenged Agawam's opening-night road loss at the hands of the Terriers on December 12th.

West Springfield scored 16 of the game's first 21 points and the last 10 points of the ballgame, but in between Agawam outscored the Terriers 49-19!

Balanced scoring allowed Agawam to control the game from various spots on the floor as sophomore Kim Trudel led the way with 17 points in the post. Senior guard Joy Clark followed closely with 15 points from the backcourt. Freshman Cyndi Stone was a major factor with 12 points on the wing, many off the offensive glass.

Before all that happened though, the Terriers came to town looking to build on their early-season win over the defending Western Mass champs. They built a lightning-quick 10-1 lead, getting one basket each from no less than five players. They showed early patience and an ability to throw a bounce pass inside the paint. They looked like a club that believed in themselves.

Ultimately, West Side had the lead at 11 with their 16-5 bulge. The referees called 12 travelling violations in the first eight minutes, and many of them went against the young Brownie players. The zebras were acting like they got new whistles for Christmas. Finally, they settled down and got into a rhythm, and so did the ballgame. This worked to Agawam's advantage.

Clark scored a free throw and a layup to slice the lead to 16-8. West Side got a hoop from Joanna Dryzinski to boost the lead back to 10. The next 17 points belonged to Agawam! Many of the points came from the blood and sweat that occurs around the offensive boards. The Brownies put on a board-banging clinic.

Trudel scored a basket to put the Brownies into double figures. There was only 4:25 to go in the half.

Agawam had scored just 10 points in 11:35! They scored 17 more before the end of the half.

It was Trudel who got herself to the line and began a chain reaction. She scored on a stickback and was fouled on the play. Kim missed the foul shot and Lisa Suffriti got the rebound and an excellent pass to Stone for a basket. Stone, too, was fouled. She also missed, but Trish Phelps grabbed the right-side rebound and dippydoed along the baseline for a deuce, sending the Terriers to a T.O. There was 2:51 to play and Agawam was within two at 18-16.

Out of the timeout, Agawam played excellent defense leading to a Phelps-Trudel connection to tie the ballgame. Laura Bielitz got a clutch basket as she freed herself at the elbow for a little jumper that put Agawam into the lead for good. Trudel and Stone got another basket each for good measure, and the Brownies had turned an 18-8 deficit into a 25-18 lead.

Kirsten Barkman and Diane Lyne sandwiched buckets around another Stone inside hoop to usher in halftime with the Brownies on top, 27-22.

Maura Martin opened the second half with a rare shot attempt and she found nothing but the bottom of the strings from 17 feet to put Agawam up seven in the early going. West Side hung around and was within five (35-30) at the 11:00 mark.

The Brownies then found the gas pedal again. This time, it was a 19-5 surge that broke the Terriers' back. Clark had seven points, Trudel and Stone each scored four, and Martin finished the run with a little leaner in the lane to give the Brownies their biggest cushion of the night, 54-35.

West Side displayed an awesome touch from outside in the game's last 90 seconds as they shaved the lead down to nine. It was garbage time, and it never got antsy. West Side scored 10 straight to make it respectable. But, they've already earned their respect ... they own the only win over Agawam thus far this season.

Diane Lyne scored 10 points to lead West Springfield.

Nothing But Nets... News & Notes On AHS Varsity Basketball

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Sorry, **Cyndi Stone**. I won't call you "Christine" again. You're playing well enough so that I won't forget... **Travis Best** is coming to town. I know, I know, I told you that last week, but this Friday night, he'll be at the Agawam gym with his band of Springfield Slammers. And now, the Agawam gym is all set for their arrival. Tuesday afternoon, a pair of gleaming break-away rims were installed at the soon-to-be Clifford B. Kibbe gymnasium. At a mere cost of \$350.00, a glass backboard or two might be spared...

Yes, **Cliff Kibbe**—The Man and the Gymnasium. The venerable athletic director stood at the entrance to the gym last week prior to the Agawam-West Springfield girls' game last Thursday night and boldly predicted that the Brownies would beat the Lady Terriers by "13 or 15 points." Kibbe is right on target with many of his predictions and this night was no different. Despite having been beaten at West Springfield in the first game of the season, the Brownies rebounded with a nine-point win. Agawam led by 19 before West Side scored the game's last 10 points on long-range bombing...

Saw trainer **Kelly Emery** on the hardwood the other day. Scrimmaging with the girls' team, Emery only had one move (a headfake). The sad thing was that it worked everytime... That 8:00 scheduled tap in Holyoke turned out to be an actual 8:25 p.m. tap. And the folks in the parking lot after the game acted like it was a little past their bedtime, too...

How about a little balanced scoring for the Agawam boys' team? In their upset of Holyoke, **Brett Boskiewicz** had 15, **Brendan Gallagher** scored 12, **Mike Briggs** and **Mike Pelligrino** had eight each, **Joe Gaylor** had seven, and **Jason Blackburn** had six...

The boys' next three ballgames are against teams that were undefeated heading into Tuesday night. Counting the Holyoke team, the 1-5 Brownies were looking down the barrel of four straight unblemished teams. That's how big the upset was in Holyoke. After the match with Best and Central, Agawam travels to Commerce, which was upended by West Side (64-61) on Tuesday night...

Hyland, Clark Selected For Soccer Talents

Agawam High School Division I soccer players Todd Hyland and Joy Clark will be feted for their athletic accomplishments at the Second Annual High School Awards Night on Sunday, January 20th, at the Gremio-Lusitano Club in Ludlow, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The sponsor for the Awards Night is the Lusitano Alumni & Fans (LAF) Organization, which (since its inception in 1987) has sponsored a number of programs and activities related to adult and youth soccer and, thus, is wholeheartedly committed to promoting this particular sport.

At the Awards Night banquet, LAF will present recognition awards to all players selected to the Springfield Sunday Republican All-Western Mass Boys &

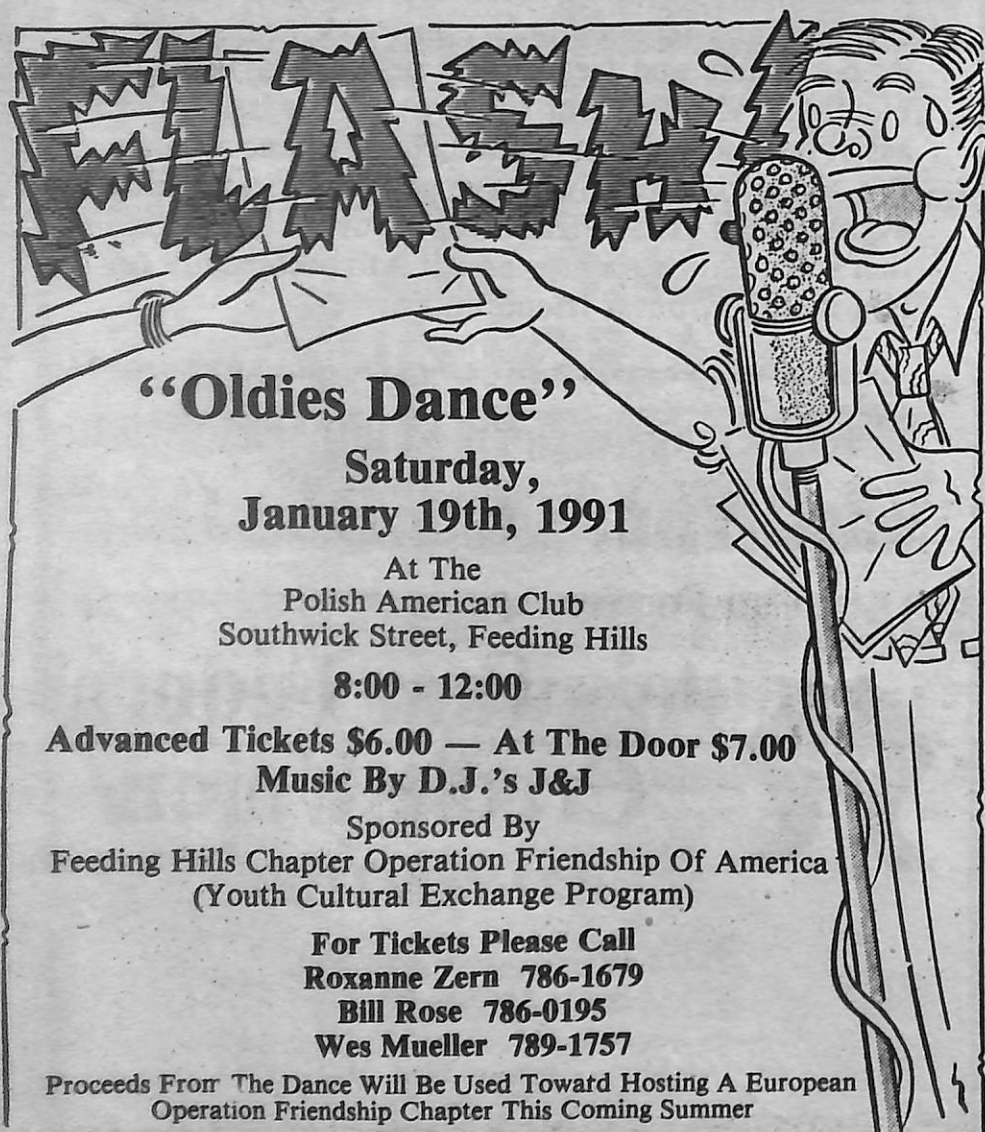
Girls First Soccer Teams in Division I, II, and III. Special awards will also be presented to the outstanding players in their respective divisions. Members of the teams (including the aforementioned Hyland and Clark) and outstanding award recipients were chosen by the coaches in their division.

In addition to the awards ceremony, the program will also include a buffet and a noted guest speaker from this area. Also, soccer coaches from the New England area have been invited to meet the top players in the area at this function.

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Bob Johnson On Sports... Sucking A Brother Into The Sports Web

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Blessed with five terrific sisters, I never had the good fortune of growing up with a brother. It was to my sheer delight that my wife has four brothers. Instantly, I had four brothers of my very own.

There were (and still are) a great bunch of guys. Adventuresome, energetic, enterprising, and funny. Those four adjectives capture the essence of their being. Each of them had their very own distinct personalities.

Only one thing was missing. They, for the most part, didn't like sports. That might be going a bit far. Let's say, they weren't that interested in spectator sports.

One brother had a limited knowledge of the Patriots and Red Sox. The others didn't follow the teams at all. One was a champion wrestler in high school and followed that up with a brief coaching career, but that was the extent of it.

Soon thereafter, three of the boys became rabid fans of the area teams. Calls flooded into my house asking questions about this game or that game, this play or that play, this team or that team. I loved it.

I brought them along slowly. I didn't want to curb their new-found enthusiasm. Bright lads (all of them), they picked up the information quickly and developed a keen insight into the sports they chose to enjoy. Twelve years have now passed, and the sports conversations have increased a hundred fold in depth. Nobody knows how much this avenue has helped me ease into a wonderful situation with my in-laws.

Remember now, I said three of the four brothers came around. One of the guys, **Roger**, has still chosen to abstain. He has taken an interest in my sports career. He roots for me all the way. Still, he can't understand how millions of people can just sit on their duff and glue themselves to a television on a weekday evening or a weekend afternoon. It baffles him.

Roger is an entrepreneur who has enjoyed tremendous success at times. He is an avid swimmer and diver. He has learned French, loves to travel, and is a ski enthusiast. He'll do chin-ups until you pass out watching him. With the help of his mother, he conquered polio as a child. He is a go-getter.

Over the years, he has conceded several times regarding his understanding of the mass appeal of sports. Most of the time, he won't. We are both hard-headed Irishmen. As we get older, the conversations have mellowed to some degree.

To Roger, sports used to be stupid. He took the stance that a kid ought to be out somewhere working at something and learning something instead of wasting his time in sports. Once appraised of the pay structures in major league sports, he began to understand the incentives of trying to achieve successes on the playing fields.

His main stance remains unwavering. Basically it is

JV Hoopsters Take Time For A Photo



MEMBERS OF THE 1990-91 Agawam High junior varsity basketball team. Back row, from left - coach Dean Vecchiarelli, Chris Albano, Jeff Henderson, and A.J. Christopher. Front row - Greg Pudlo and Dan Pryce. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devie.

this: *"How can all those clowns just sit around and watch the games all the times? Don't they have anything else to do? They are not getting paid to watch."*

I explain that sports are an outlet available to people of all wage classes. They offer familiarity. They offer conversation at the office, shop, or the local watering hole. They bring people together. Sports can be enjoyed for free at home, or they can be a big-bucks night out at The Garden or anywhere in between.

Most of the viewers and spectators grew up playing the sports that they now follow passionately. Many live vicariously through their sports heroes.

I believe Roger would love to have my pile of sports knowledge. Maybe I'm wrong. Over time, I think that the "Rogers" of this world feel that they are too far behind in the area of sports knowledge and they couldn't hope to catch up. There are many subjects about which I feel the same way (i.e., world politics, opera, green Chinese pottery, etc.). Some day I will broaden my horizons.

Why was I thinking about Roger? Well, I know he is a "60 Minutes" watcher. Some weeks, I pray that the CBS football game will go past 7:00 o'clock so that

Roger will get stuck watching the game until his program comes on.

This week, the Wild Card game between the Saints-Bears went over the allotted programming time. "60 Minutes" would have to wait. Roger would have to watch or do chin-ups. His choice.

The problem was that the ballgame ended about the same way that too many ballgames are ending these days. Dull and unimaginative. The Bears had the game already locked. No suspense. No eleventh hour excitement. Chicago banged the ball into the line three times and gave the Saints the ball with less than a minute to go and virtually no chance to win.

It would have been great to see "The Refrigerator" pounding the pigskin into the end zone for the game-winning score, or a 60-yard Hail Mary pass working to give the underdogs the win and the announcers laryngitis.

I don't know what it is going to take, but I am going to suck Roger into my sports' web. Maybe a trip to Fenway Park and a three-dollar glass of beer would do the trick ... Maybe...

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Pioneer Valley Traveling Team Receives Awards



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION'S Pioneer Valley Traveling Soccer Team received their trophies at an awards afternoon last month. Back row - coaches Denny Marr and Lynn Modzelesky. Middle row - Nikita Reshamwala, Kornelia Moysis, Sarah Nacewicz, Kaitlin White, Amanda Tilden, and Kerry McGeoghan. Kneeling - Jennifer Modzelesky, Jill Gendron, Sheri Benton, Jennifer Marr, and Franca Bonavita. RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

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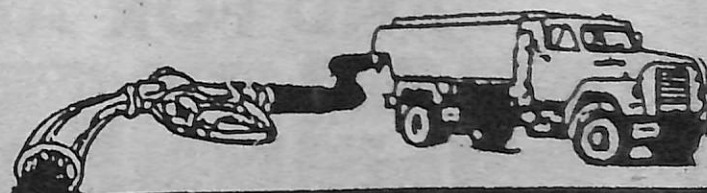
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Sports A La Carte...

Up & Down The Sports World

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

In his career, WILT CHAMBERLAIN missed 5,805 free throws. In his career, GEORGE GERVIN attempted 5,383 free throws. Chamberlain shot .511 from the stripe; Gervin shot .844. On May 15th, 1967, Bruins General Manager MILT SCHMIDT traded GILLES MAROTTE, PIT MARTIN, and JACK NORRIS to the Black Hawks. All he got in return was PHIL ESPOSITO, KEN HODGE, and FRED STANFIELD. I wonder if he consulted RED AUERBACH before he made the deal...

Very quietly, the Lakers went to Portland last week and beat the TrailBlazers, proving that the Lakers can still play with the big boys...Wouldn't you like to watch a Super Bowl played in Green Bay or Foxboro? I would. It may even up those mismatches that we have had to endure in the past few years...

LEN DYKSTRA says that the Mets' problems did not begin when they lost KEITH HERNANDEZ, ROGER MCDOWELL, or himself; he feels that when RAY KNIGHT took his celebrated walk that that was the beginning of the end...Anonymous baseball player: "Eric Gregg would serve baseball better as a hitting background than as an umpire." I can see where he would want to be anonymous, but I bet we can narrow it down to a National League player...

Inside Sports magazine reports that TOM LASORDA went on Ultra-Slim Fast because the Dodger Stadium ground crew was using his windbreaker for a spare infield tarp...Do you think DAVE PARKER can hang around long enough to get 408 more hits? That's how many he'll need to get to 3000...

Did you know that DOUG WILLIAMS was once asked, "How long have you been a black quarterback?" His reply, "I've been a quarterback since I was a kid. I've been black all of my life." And people say that the athletes are stupid...While on his silent march to the Hall of Fame, ROBERT PARISH is now up to 21st on the all-time scoring list in the NBA. He could gain the 16th spot by season's end; had 18,312 points at the beginning of this regular season...

What are the odds of a guy from UC-Irvine making it to the NBA? Not as good as a fellow from Ohio State, UCLA, or Oklahoma, but how about two guys from UC-Irvine on the same team in the NBA? The Minnesota Timberwolves have SCOTT BROOKS and TODD MURPHY, both in their second year, on the roster this year...

I would love to see the sales figures on MIKE FRATELLO'S new video that sells for \$29.95. The ex-Hawk coach-turned-announcer has a video entitled "3 Point Shot." He gives strategies for implementing a three-point offense. Tell you what, I'll sell that same video for \$2.95:

"Run down the court and throw up a shot from behind that big arc; if it goes in, you get three points. Make two in a row and expect a defender right in your shirt. Pass the ball around the perimeter until you see daylight and launch away."

There is my three-point offense. I learned it from RICK PITINO...

BENOIT BENJAMIN of the Clippers missed eight games because he had his wisdom teeth extracted. I wonder what WILLIS REED thought of that...Remember when TIM RAINES stole 71 bases in 88 games as a rookie. The White Sox hope that he remembers...

The Sporting News reports that DON KING, boxing promoter, is the ninth most powerful man in sports. Other notables were FAY VINCENT, baseball commissioner, fourth on the list; LAURENCE TISCH, CBS chairman, 1st on the list; and NBA commissioner DAVID STERN in the number-five slot.

I really didn't understand their criteria and really didn't care. As far as I am concerned, the most powerful man in sports is JOSE CANSECO or BRUCE SMITH or CHARLES BARKLEY or GEORGE FOREMAN or KING KONG BUNDY or...

Can't say it's a pity, but that Senior Professional Baseball fiasco in Florida is now dead and buried. Saging attendance cost it its baseball life...

After watching Clemson play marvelous football on

New Year's Day, I chuckled on this quote from former Clemson coach CHARLIE PELL: "I demand just one thing from Clemson players, and that is attitude. I want them to think as positively as the 85 year-old man who married a 25 year-old woman and ordered a five-bedroom house near an elementary school."...

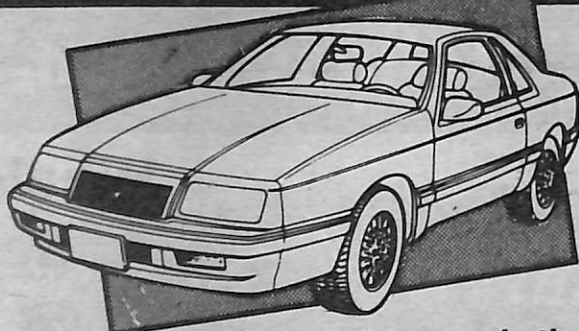
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AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION coach Lynn Modzelesky of the Pioneer Valley Traveling Team takes the names of team members for photographer Jack Devine. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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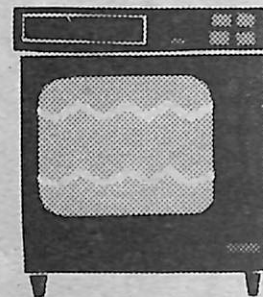
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New Purse Coming For Strictly Stocks At Riverside Speedway

The 1991 Riverside Park Speedway Strictly Stock Division Rules are available but that isn't the big news. A new purse for the weekly program and VIP driver's free pit admission for the top five in the points. These three announcements exercise the fact that Riverside's Race Director, Ben Dodge, is continuing his commitment to the Strictly Stocks and their importance in the Riverside Program.

After having a series of meetings with the top Strictly Stock drivers and owners, and several hours of research with track officials (Lenny (Tiny) Blews, Tony Morehouse, and Matt DeMatos), the rules were finalized in the Racing Department office.

There is no major change in the rules; a clearer definition of the rules has been applied. In addition to explaining these rules, several new guidelines were established for the best interest of safety. Some of the other changes include the allowing of any type of automatic transmission (stock type of the same manufacturer's line); additional fuel cell straps, plus drivers belt and seat reinforcements; new mounting belt and cell diagrams are also shown. Again, competitors are reminded not to call the Speedway Office for questions and answers on the rules.

Rules are available, free, by written request only, to Riverside Park Speedway, Box 307, Agawam, MA, 01001, Strictly Stock Rule Request. A copy of the weekly purse, schedule, season pass information, and number request forms will be sent.

Perhaps the biggest news will be the new purse structure offered for the Strictly Division. Even though this is a beginner class, it will now pay for a 20-lap feature—\$200 to win; \$125, second; \$100, third; \$95, fourth; and \$80, fifth. Twenty-five cars will start the feature with a minimum purse guarantee to start the Strictly feature of \$30. Tow money is also offered for any car that signs in and attempts to qualify for a race event.

The Strictly Stocks will be running every Saturday from March 23rd until Labor Day. This Strictly Division will also run with all Riverside Sunday Enduro and Dem-Duro events during 1991.

Another major plus is the top five drivers in the points will receive a VIP Executive Driver's Pit Admission Card. This is good for all events that the driver is competing in. The current top 10 drivers in points (the Saturday before each Sunday event) will get in free for the Sunday shows only.

"I am extremely pleased with the Strictly Stocks at Riverside. They are not like other tracks. These cars and the drivers are as professional as the Late Models. I enjoy the division. It is one of my proudest accomplishments. Most drivers have moved up from this division with success," said Dodge.

Sportsmen's Corner

— By Bill Chiba —



A New "Superfish"

A new genetically engineered carp developed by Alabama's Auburn University could trigger a wave of "superfish" laboratory-enhanced species with potentially disastrous impacts on natural habitats.

Created by splicing carp genes with a growth hormone gene from trout, the new carp grows faster and bigger than its natural counterpart—and could serve as a model for boosting the supply of catfish, one of the South's leading commodities.

Armed with funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Auburn plans to test the carp in campus ponds. Thanks partly to prodding by groups like the National Wildlife Federation, the university is voluntarily seeking USDA approval for its experiment. But NWF's National Biotechnology Policy Center says other such projects are unregulated, meaning more and more genetically engineered fish could enter natural habitats unchecked.

It is bad enough that we have to combat Lyme Disease and be very aware of collecting deer ticks on our clothing when walking through the woods. We now have to be aware of what part of the deer to eat. New Hampshire has put out an advisory from the Public Health Services that there is high levels of cadmium in moose liver and kidney and also in deer liver.

It recommends that moose liver and kidney not be eaten, and advises people who choose to eat deer liver to do so infrequently and in small quantities. The deer liver should be from young animals, up to one year-old.

I have been asked a number of times if the division is releasing snowshoe rabbits like they did in the past. The answer is yes, but I do not have any figures on the number of rabbits being released.

In January 1990, the division released snowshoes in each of the state's five wildlife management districts. It is planned to do the same the last of this month. For update information you can contact the wildlife management manager in the district you are interested in.

So far Mother Nature has been kind to the wildlife in our forests. The lack of snow is allowing deer to roam and eat their belly full. When we have deep snow, the deer are herded up in swamps and thick pine patches. They are restricted from roaming and just feed in the immediate area and usually survive in a weakened condition. They are on the borderline and if subjected to any amount of stress, die.

Domestic dogs are their worst enemies. From February 1st to April a state law demands that you keep your dog tied and prevented from roaming the countryside. If caught chasing deer during this period, the dog could be shot by officers. If you love your dog, then abide by the law and you will have your pet for many years. If you let him out after dark and he gets caught chasing deer, which is a natural instinct that is awakened in him at that time of the year, you have yourself to blame. Don't blame the officer for doing his duty.

If the dog is caught and brought back to you, expect to be assessed a large fine.

Riverside's Awards Program Continues in '91

One of the many highlights of the 1990 Riverside NASCAR Winston Racing Series Banquets, attended by 1,000 people was the presentation of the Special Awards and the cash amounts exceeding \$3,500 for the Snap-On-Tools Championship point series. This program originated from the \$15,000 Snap-On-Tools Program designed by Riverside's Race Director, Ben Dodge, Jr., and Snap-On-Tools independent dealer representatives Fred Schofield and Jack Messemer.

This program is in its second season and offered over \$15,000 in cash and product incentives. For six designated events, known as the Snap-On-Tools Championship Series, each race offered thousands of dollars in actual heat bonus money, including special trophies and a point system within the structure of the series.

In addition to this on the night of the NASCAR

Winston Modified Tour Race, a \$4,500 commemorative Snap-On-Tools Roll-Away Tool Box was awarded. The point series was so popular that everyone was more interested in the Series points at that time, than the overall points.

After the final event of the series, the points were announced and the champion will be presented along with the top five in each division at Riverside.

In the Snap-On-Tools Modified Series, it was Bob Polverari receiving \$1,000. Second was Dan Avery at \$300. Third was Richie Gallup, \$200; fourth, Jerry Marquis, \$100; and fifth, Tom Bolles, \$50.

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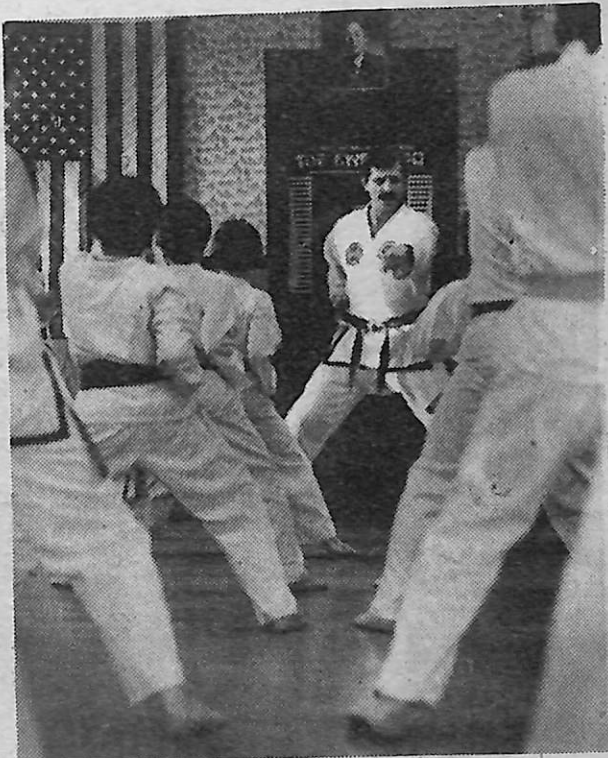
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Agawam Athletic Association Piranhas News

The Agawam Piranhas swim team recently participated in their third meet of the winter season against South Hadley. The results included:

BOYS 8 & UNDER:

The team of Timothy Rivers, Jeffrey Robinson, Matthew Schuh, and Brian Pedersen placed second in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Jeffrey Robinson, third in 25-yard freestyle.

Timothy Rivers, third in 50-yard freestyle, and third in 25-yard backstroke.

GIRLS 8 & UNDER:

The team of Amanda Fox, Krista Page, Caitlin Weisgerber, and Allison Pisano placed first in the 100-yard medley relay.

Caitlin Weisgerber placed second in the 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Courtney Nowill, Jennifer Reid, Katie Gallagher, and Amanda Fox placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Krista Page, first, and Allison Pisano, second in 25-yard freestyle.

Amanda Fox, second, and Katie Gallagher, third in 25-yard butterfly.

Krista Page, first, and Allison Pisano, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Sarah Bates, first, and Courtney Nowill, third in 25-yard backstroke.

Caitlin Weisgerber, first, and Jennifer Reid, second in 25-yard breaststroke.

BOYS 9-10:

Michael Grant, second, and James Crowley, third in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Michael Grant, James Crowley, Brian Gallagher, and Matthew Slattery placed first in the 200-yard freestyle; the team of Brian Rivers, Patrick Lennon, Brendan Kilrain, and Matt Poirier placed second.

Matt Slattery, first, and Brian Gallagher, second in 50-yard freestyle.

James Crowley, first in 50-yard butterfly.

Michael Grant, second in 100-yard freestyle.

Eric Pedersen, first, and Matt Poirier, third in 50-yard backstroke.

Brendan Kilrain, first, and Brian Rivers, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

GIRLS 9-10:

In the 200-yard medley relay the team of Elizabeth Christian, Jennifer Modzelesky, Trina Bowler, and Kimberly Sullivan placed second; the team of Katie Christian, Katie Kilrain, Shawnessy Egan, and Kelly

Robinson placed third.

Trina Bowler, third in the 100-yard individual medley.

Kimberly Sullivan, first in 50-yard freestyle.

Trina Bowler, first, and Jennifer Modzelesky, third in 50-yard butterfly.

Kimberly Sullivan, first, and Kelly Robinson, third in 100-yard freestyle.

Kelly Robinson, second, and Gina Celilli, third in 50-yard backstroke.

Elizabeth Christian, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

The team of Shawnessy Egan, Karen Baruffaldi, Darcy Bates, and Kelly Robinson placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

BOYS 11-12:

Michael Robinson, first in 50-yard freestyle.

Scott Guyer, first in 100-yard freestyle.

Michael Robinson, first in 50-yard backstroke.

GIRLS 11-12:

In the 200-yard medley relay the team of Patricia Olson, Sarah Pliska, Eileen Daly, and Rachel Niemiec placed first.

Sarah Pliska, first, and Eileen Daly, second in 200-yard individual medley.

Kristine Modzelesky, second in 200-yard freestyle.

Rachel Niemiec, first in 50-yard freestyle.

Eileen Daly, first in 50-yard butterfly.

Kristine Modzelesky, second, and Patricia Olson, third in 100-yard freestyle.

Patricia Olson, second in 50-yard backstroke.

Sarah Pliska, second, and Rachel Niemiec, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

GIRLS 13-14:

Heather Pliska, first in 200-yard individual medley.

Jessica Crowley, first in 200-yard freestyle.

Lexa Page, first in 50-yard freestyle.

Amy Hume, first, and Jessica Crowley, second in 100-yard butterfly.

Lexa Page, first, and Amy Hume, second in the 100-yard freestyle.

Heather Pliska, first in 100-yard breaststroke.

The team of Heather Pliska, Jessica Crowley, Amy Hume, and Lexa Page finished first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

BOYS 15-18:

Alan Niemiec, second in 50-yard freestyle, and first in 100-yard breaststroke.

GIRLS 15-18:

Nancy Bazanchuk, first in 100-yard backstroke, and first in 100-yard breaststroke.

A.A.A. Basketball Standings

GIRLS 8-11

Aldrich Insurance	1	0
Agawam Auto School	1	0
Sliech Auto Body	1	0
Luigi Auto Body	0	1
Collins Construction	0	1
Provin Mt. Farm	0	1

BOYS 8-10

Dominic Morassi League American Division

Feeding Hills Pharmacy	1	0
Aldrich Insurance	1	0
Movie Mart	1	0
Auth Fuels	0	1
EB's Specialty Chicken	0	1
Murphy's Trophies & Sports	0	1

National Division

Deluxe Limo	1	0
Corner Deli	1	0
Provin Mt. Farm	1	0
Heritage Bank	0	1
Worldtek Travel	0	1
Valenti's Restaurant	0	1

BOYS 10-12

American Division

Grimaldi & Burzdak	1	0
McCarthy Tile	1	0
Agawam Advertiser News	0	1
Village Lounge	0	1

National Division

Agawam Fire Fighters	1	0
Elbow Lounge	1	0
Primavera Pizza	0	1
Worldtek Travel	0	1

BOYS 13-15

Westfield Savings	1	0
Agawam Fire Fighters	1	0
Provin Mt. Farms	0	1
Grimaldi & Burzdak	0	1

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Jerry Marquis was also the Pro Stock Champion and received \$500. Bobby Gee was second with \$200. Third was Blane Belz at \$100. Fourth was Tom Fearn at \$75, and fifth was Dave Cruso, \$50.

Late Model Snap-On-Tools Champion was Fred LaForge (\$300). Second was Tom Carey, \$150, and third was Kevin Czarnecki, \$100. Fourth was Roger Charette, \$50, and fifth, Todd Anderson.

Strictly stocks saw Jeff Connors win with \$200, followed by Joe Czarnecki, \$75; Chuck Allesio, \$50; Gene McLain, \$25; and Bob McMullin, \$20.

The independent dealers also announced an increase for the 1991 Riverside Snap-On-Tools Championship Series. "Ben Dodge is the reason that we are involved. He gives Snap-On-Tools and this series a great deal of promotional power. We look forward to 1991," said Fred Schofield of Snap-On-Tools.

Riverside Speedway opens on March 23rd, 1991.

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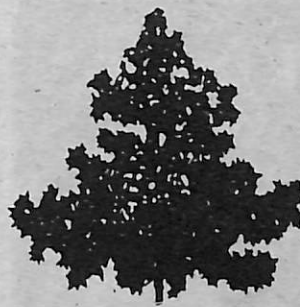
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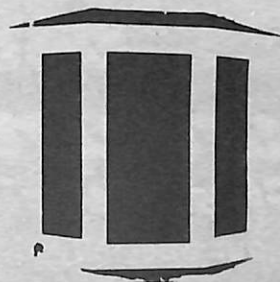
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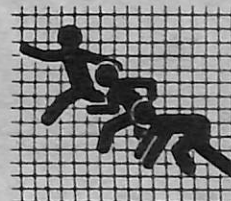
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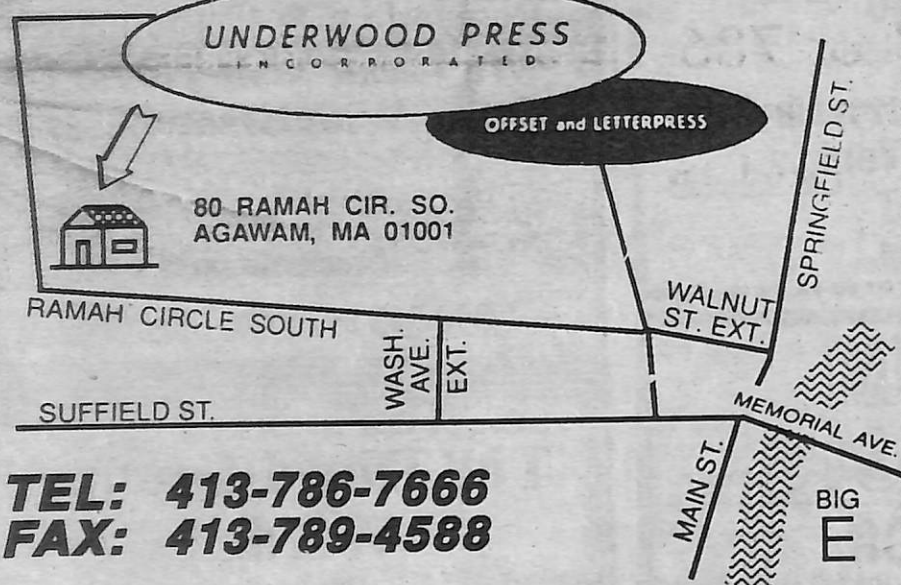


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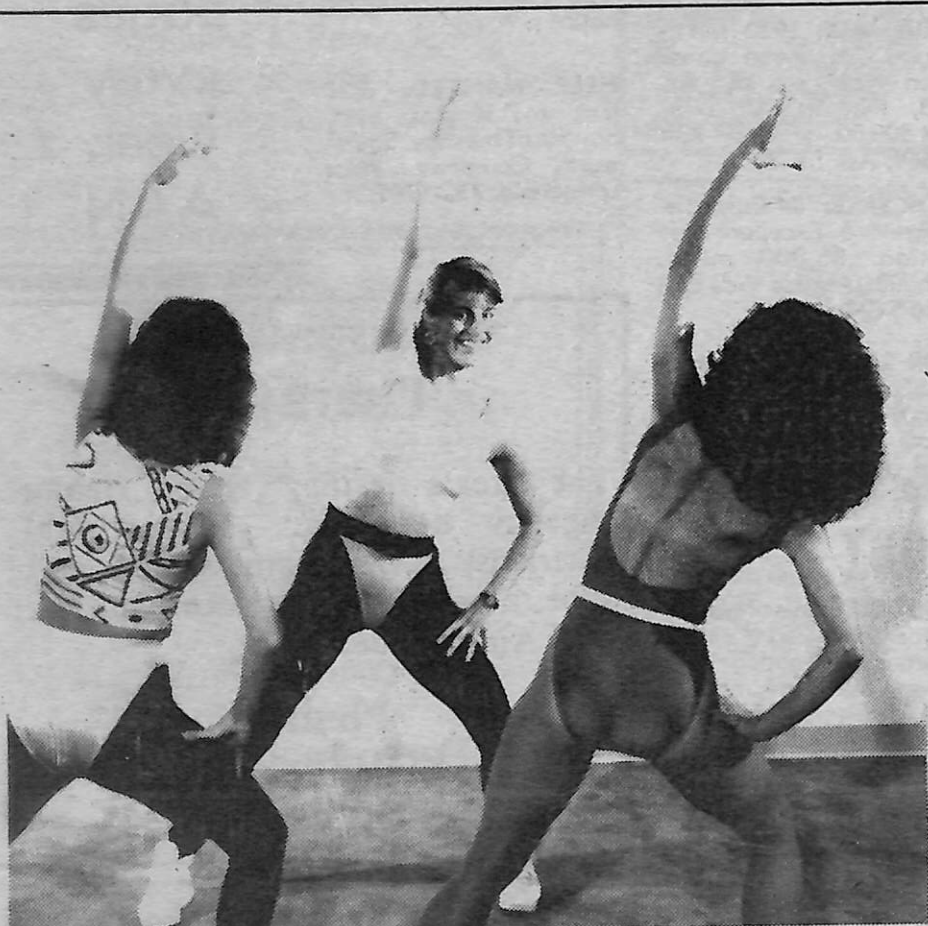
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